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HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

District seeks turnover fixes

1 in 4 teachers leaving after their first year; pay increases eyed

By Rebecca Lurye
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — New teachers are leaving Hartford Public Schools at an alarming pace, with one out of every four teachers moving on after their first year on the job.

The problem of teacher turnover has been felt most acutely in some of the city's lowest-performing schools. The loss of more than 20% of their teaching staff has created a "perpetual churn" that hurts the district's efforts to recover from the COVID-19 health crisis, Superintendent Leslie Torres-Rodriguez said. In an effort to curb the turnover, Hartford Public Schools leaders are considering raising pay for some teachers and making

other changes. The district has started exploring using some of its federal pandemic relief money to address the issues administrators often hear from teachers, such as the district's low pay compared to neighboring school systems and insufficient time, professional support and mental health support for educators. The discussion of potential raises for some teachers was in its early stages, and on Thurs-

day night, a district spokesman reported that the talks have been tabled until early next year because the district is also negotiating new three-year contracts with the Hartford Federation of Teachers and several other labor unions. In an Oct. 3 presentation to the school board, district leaders discussed several avenues for increasing some teachers' *Turn to Teachers, Page 2*

Climate plan a boon for Biden

\$555B framework signals to world US is back, supporters say

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden heads to a U.N. climate conference Monday energized by a new legislative framework that, if enacted, would be the largest action ever taken by the United States to address climate change. The \$555 billion plan for climate spending is the centerpiece of a sweeping domestic policy package Biden and congressional Democrats presented Thursday, hours before the president traveled to Rome for another summit ahead of the climate meeting in Glasgow, Scotland. Biden called the plan "the most significant investment to deal with the climate crisis that ever happened, beyond any other advanced nation in the world." While far from certain to pass in a divided Congress, the new framework reassured nervous Democrats and environmental leaders that a president who has made climate action a key focus of his administration will not arrive in Glasgow empty-handed. The plan didn't give Biden all he wanted, but supporters believe that, if enacted, it would set the United States on a path to meet

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Volunteers sort mail-in ballots on primary day in Glastonbury in August 2020. Voters will cast ballots across Connecticut in municipal elections Tuesday that could change the leadership in their communities. **JESSICA HILL/AP**

ELECTION 2021

Races to watch

By Christopher Keating | Hartford Courant

From New Britain to Stamford to West Haven, voters will go to the polls in Connecticut on Tuesday in important municipal elections that could change the leadership in their communities. Most of the issues are local, but in some cases — such as Republican efforts to make board of education races a national debate about "critical race theory" — the consequences extend far beyond local borders. Here are seven races to watch:

Stamford

The battle for the Stamford mayor's office has become the highest-profile clash of this year's election cycle, capturing national media attention in publications like The New Yorker and GQ magazine. The reason is Bobby Valentine, the former New York Mets and Boston Red Sox manager who is running as an unaffiliated candidate against state Rep. Caroline Simmons, a four-term lawmaker who upset the incumbent mayor in September in a Democratic primary. Valentine, 71, recently described Simmons, a Harvard graduate and state legislator, as "a 35-year-old girl" who could not "possibly relate to the diverse culture of Stamford, Connecticut, better than I do, no matter what the age is." In other comments, Valentine told a campaign event that "if you're not owning, you're not caring." The comments set off a pitched back-and-

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State Rep. Caroline Simmons, D-Stamford, and former New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine square off during a Stamford mayoral debate. **MARY ALTAFFER/AP**

Will basic income cut stress?

As Hartford studies plan, group hopes to screen for hormone levels

By Rebecca Lurye
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — A task force designing Hartford's potential Universal Basic Income pilot program will recommend the city seek heaps of data from participating families — including hair or nail samples to track changes in their stress levels. The group, which consists of a number of researchers, met virtually Thursday to discuss its draft recommendations for the guaranteed-income experiment, in which about 25 single parents or guardians would receive monthly, no-strings-attached payments of \$500 for one year. To understand the impact of that extra income, the task force envisions the city surveying and interviewing participants on a regular basis about their financial situations and their emotional and physical well-being. Because many of the questions will be subjective, the researchers think the city should push the envelope and take hair or finger-nail samples and saliva or cheek

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Pick-six propels Patriots past Chargers

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compensation, from giving stipends to teachers at certain schools or in certain subjects to increasing pay for “teacher leaders,” who carry a heavier workload.

Torres-Rodriguez posited that the district could spend about \$19.5 million on the effort through 2023-2024, or about 15% of the \$127 million the district is slated to receive in COVID-19 relief.

School systems may use the federal funds to pay stipends, bonuses or salaries for teachers as long as they can connect the compensation to issues resulting from COVID-19 — such as lost ground in academics, attendance and student well-being.

However, districts are cautioned against using COVID-19 relief to raise salaries to levels they won’t be able to sustain when the funding runs out in 2024.

The pandemic’s impacts

in Hartford are clear. District students who live in Hartford — as opposed to suburban students attending magnet schools — missed an average of one in five days of school during the fall of 2020, and end-of-year test scores fell sharply among all students in spring 2021.

Which salaries to raise?

Over the next three years, Hartford schools aim to dramatically increase academic performance beyond pre-pandemic levels, including seeing half of students proficient in grade-level reading and writing, up from 16% of those tested last spring.

To meet those goals, the district must grow and retain a diverse and effective teacher workforce, “and in a way that can be sustained longterm,” Torres-Rodriguez said. In her presentation to the school board, Torres-Rodriguez said the district will need to cut some costs if it

makes new investments.

She presented the board with several possibilities.

For about \$6.5 million per year, the district could raise the salaries of all teachers with six or more years of experience, closing Hartford’s pay gap with neighboring districts. Teachers would receive raises ranging from \$243 to \$5,200 a year.

This plan has several drawbacks, according to the presentation. Only 20% of outgoing teachers who took exit surveys said salary was their primary reason for leaving Hartford, and turnover is lowest among teachers with six or more years of experience.

The schools with the highest needs also have the fewest teachers with at least six years of experience.

For the same investment of about \$6.5 million per year, the district could give larger raises, \$5,000 to \$10,200, to about half of its educators, including nearly 200 “teacher leaders” and positions identified as the hardest to staff.

Those positions would include jobs at schools with the highest vacancies and the fewest candidates, and in certain subject areas, such as secondary math, special education and teaching English as a foreign language.

Under this plan, the district would also have enough money to pay teachers at the highest-need schools to work an extended day, giving them more time for much-sought planning and team collaboration.

Making up the difference

To generate some cost savings, the district could deny pay step increases to teachers who are rated below “proficient” on their evaluations.

Hartford schools would also create an “associate teacher” program, hiring new teachers at a lower salary and a smaller workload and pairing them with teacher leaders, who would

gain a helping hand and more time for their responsibilities outside of the classroom.

The district sought feedback on the ideas from a small group of seven teachers and seven other district leaders and staff, but it didn’t reach a consensus on any plan. The group had mixed and negative feelings about any change that added to teachers’ workloads or created disparities in pay across schools and subjects.

Board vice chair Shonta Browdy questioned why the conversation had not started with the Hartford Federation of Teachers, as the labor union negotiates pay for all teachers. She also argued that the group of 14 teachers and staff who reviewed the ideas was too small to draw conclusions from.

“I just have a problem with that. We’re putting a lot of weight, in my opinion, on not a lot of feedback,” Browdy said.

District leaders will continue working with the board to develop a proposal.

Second-vice chair Kim Oliver, director of Hartford’s Department of Children, Families and Recreation, requested more information for the continuing conversation, including how many teachers are currently rated “proficient” or above and what reasons first-year teachers have given for leaving.

Meanwhile, board member A.J. Johnson, pastor at Urban Hope Refuge Church, sought information about the district’s plans to support teachers’ mental health and well-being.

“I’ve had teachers reach out to me and (they’re) asked to go the extra mile as it pertains to their job when they’re already going 8,000 miles due to shortages, due to the insane amount of initiatives that we keep asking them to perform and do,” Johnson said. “... Some of these things are toxic.”

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swabs from participants to measure their levels of the stress hormone cortisol.

The task force, which will submit its final recommendations to Hartford city council by the end of the year, emphasized that participants would not be required to participate in the surveys, interviews or biological testing. Those who do share the information — and samples, potentially — would be compensated for their time.

The pilot, if funded and approved, would begin in June 2022 and would add Hartford to a growing list of U.S. cities to test the concept of guaranteed income, which has mostly been tested in the short term and on a small scale.

Due to the limited research on UBI programs, Hartford’s task force is

suggesting the city gather as much information as it can during its pilot program. Members say they’re not aware of any other U.S. cities that have studied whether stress hormone levels drop over time when people receive extra monthly income.

“To our knowledge, if implemented, these measures of biological stress would be the first such measures studied in any U.S. UBI program,” said task force member Amanda Dettmer, an associate research scientist at the Yale School of Medicine’s Child Study Center, a mental health clinic in New Haven.

While hair and saliva can both be screened for drugs, there would be multiple safeguards in place to ensure biological samples are only tested for cortisol, Dettmer said. It would be illegal for the samples collected in Hartford’s pilot program to be tested for

drugs, she said.

In addition to voluntarily providing the samples every three months, participants would be asked to answer survey and interview questions about everything from employment changes and sleep quality to how their child is doing in school.

Once a month, families would also be asked to report their household needs and budget, and how they spent their UBI funds, which would likely take the form of debit cards. The monthly payments could be used for basic expenses like housing, food, transportation, medical care and education.

The group said it could take participants about 40 minutes to run through the larger battery of reports every three months. One researcher suggested paying participants about \$45 per hour, but encouraged community members to share their own recom-

mendations for appropriate compensation.

The task force also wants to hear whether residents would want to receive financial and benefits counseling and wraparound services as part of the pilot program.

The task force has been meeting since April, after Hartford City Council formed the group to design a pilot guaranteed-income program targeting single, working parents.

The concept of guaranteed income has been gaining traction in the U.S. for 10 to 15 years, though few cities have had trial UBI programs, says Stephen Ross, a University of Connecticut economist and member of the Hartford UBI task force.

Last week, Los Angeles opened applications for what may be the largest UBI program in the U.S. so far. Around 3,000 families in poverty will receive \$1,000 a month for a year, with no rules for how families spend

the money. Chicago is also planning to use \$35 million to test a UBI program for one year.

The most well-known UBI pilot, in Stockton, California, found that \$500 monthly payments allowed participants to cut back on part-time or gig work in order to complete internships, training and coursework that improved their job prospects, leading to full-time work and promotions.

Hartford has found tentative private funding to provide 25 families with payments for one year, but the city is looking for more money to cover a larger group that’s more representative of the capital city, according to Grant, the task force chair.

Participants would be randomly selected from those who apply.

For now, the group plans to recommend limiting the program to single, Hartford

residents who are U.S. citizens or green card holders, working at least part time, and are the primary caregiver to at least one child between third and eighth grade. They selected this age range in order to look at children’s standardized test scores.

Applicants could be a biological or adoptive parent, a grandparent raising a grandchild, or other type of legal custodian. The program would be open to caregivers of all income levels.

Researchers will recommend excluding residents who are not U.S. citizens or green card holders, and households receiving disability payments or paying or receiving child support, as the additional income could create legal issues.

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Care facilities fined for not reporting vaccine rates

State hits 26 with \$221K in combined penalties for missing deadline

By Dave Altimari
Ct Mirror

A month after Connecticut’s vaccine mandate for workers in long-term care facilities went into effect, the state has notified 26 providers that they have been fined a combined \$221,000 for not reporting their vaccination rates by the deadline.

The state Department of Public Health has reported that, as of last week, there were 59 facilities that submitted late reports but that officials decided to give them a week’s “grace period” to comply. Thirty-three facilities did comply within the grace period, and the state forgave more than \$1.5 million in potential fines for those facilities.

The 26 that had still not reported and were penalized include nine managed residential communities, nine residential care homes, four assisted living facilities, three nursing homes and one chronic disease hospital.

One of the nursing homes that was fined \$10,000 was Ark Health-

care and Rehabilitation at St. Camillus on Elm Street in Stamford.

Ark Administrator Reuven Fischer said Thursday the nursing home plans to appeal the fine and that it has always tried to comply with the governor’s executive orders regarding long-term care facilities.

“While we acknowledge there was a brief period of administrative delay in the official reporting of our data to the Department of Public Health, the facility has upheld the vaccination mandate with the utmost seriousness and diligence,” Fischer said in a statement to the CT Mirror.

“This administrative error in reporting was quickly corrected and in no way reflects the high level of staff vaccine compliance. To date, St. Camillus Center has 94% of its staff vaccinated, with the remaining staff, of which there are only a few, qualifying for exemptions as per the executive order.”

More fines coming?

There are still 122 facilities that have not reported anything to DPH, now a month after the deadline.

Beginning Monday, facilities classified as non-reporters may be assessed ongoing penalties, which will not include the seven-day grace period, according to the DPH. The agency estimates that non-reporters are subject to fines totaling \$15 million collectively.

Many of those are managed residential communities that are affiliated with assisted living facilities and have staffs that overlap. A team from DPH has been sorting through them the past few weeks.

DPH is also reviewing the reporting status of all intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, known as ICF/IID facilities, separately, since these facilities are also subject to a different executive order and may have already reported under it.

“We strongly urge facilities that have not yet reported to DPH their compliance with EO 13F to submit their attestation reports as soon as possible,” said DPH Commissioner Manisha Juthani in a statement Thursday night.

“The purpose of this vaccine mandate is to protect the health and safety of the patients and residents in long-term care as well as the health and safety of the staff,

their families and their co-workers. Reporting timely and accurately to DPH helps the state ensure that the long-term care industry is meeting this goal and brings confidence to the community that our most vulnerable citizens are safe.”

Less weight on administrative issues

Gov. Lamont’s executive order called for all long-term care facilities — including nursing homes, assisted living centers, residential care homes, chronic disease hospitals, intermediate care facilities and managed residential communities — to report the vaccine status of their staff as well any contractors that entered their buildings by Sept. 28 or face possible fines of up to \$20,000 a day.

All employees of those facilities were required to be immunized against COVID-19 unless they obtained a religious or medical exemption.

Two weeks ago, health department officials acknowledged some of the underreporting “may have resulted from the decision by facilities [that] share buildings and staff to report all covered [long-term

care] workers under a single facility so as not to double-count the number of workers subject to the order.”

The health department then revised its reporting system so facilities can clarify whether they are consolidating their data into a single report.

Connecticut Association of Healthcare Facilities President Matthew Barrett said that DPH data show on average 95% of nursing home staff are now vaccinated, which is among the highest rates in the nation.

“The numbers demonstrate overwhelming compliance with the vaccine policy objectives and that the few nursing fines are an outlier in what is clearly an enormously successful vaccine initiative,” Barrett said.

“Our association is recommending state regulators take a balanced approach to evaluating noncompliance issues which favors, focuses and weighs more heavily on the actual compliance with the policy goals and less weight on administrative reporting issues.”

Dave Altimari is a reporter for The Connecticut Mirror (<http://www.ctmirror.org>).

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Biden’s goal to cut carbon pollution in half by 2030.

“It’s a real signal to the world that the U.S. is back and demonstrating leadership on climate change,” said Tiernan Sittenfeld, senior vice president of the League of Conservation Voters.

Biden’s plan includes more than \$300 billion in tax incentives for renewable energy such as wind and solar power, as well as investments to boost nuclear power, sharply increase the number of electric vehicles and spur production of batteries and other advanced materials.

The plan also would spend at least \$100 billion to address extreme weather such as wildfires, hurricanes and droughts, address “legacy pollution” in hard-hit areas and establish a Civilian Climate Corps, a New Deal-style program to create thousands of jobs that includes helping prevent catastrophic wildfires.

But a proposal to reward power companies that move from fossil fuels to clean energy and penalize those that do not was dropped following opposition from Sen. Joe Manchin, D-WVa.

A recent analysis by the Rhodium Group, an independent research firm, found that passage of a bipartisan infrastructure bill and the larger climate and domestic policy package, combined with regulations by key federal agencies and state actions, could cut U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 45% to 51% below 2005 levels in



President Joe Biden speaks during a news conference at the conclusion of the G20 leaders summit on Sunday in Rome. EVAN VUCCI/AP

2030.

“We actually do think the U.S. can still put the target within reach, but it’s going to require a lot of sustained follow-up action by the executive branch and states after Congress is done to get the rest of the way there,” said John Larsen, an energy systems expert and co-author of the study.

Biden also has announced a plan to double financial aid to poorer nations to \$11.4 billion by 2024 so those countries can

switch to cleaner energy and cope with global warming’s worsening impact. The plan puts rich nations close to their long-promised but unrealized goal of \$100 billion a year in climate help for developing nations.

Biden is “leaning into climate more than any previous president, and it looks like he is prepared to continue to make this a top priority for his entire first term, which would be the first time an American president has done something

like that,” said Larsen, who worked in the Energy Department under President Barack Obama. He cited Biden’s moves to rejoin the 2015 Paris Climate agreement, kill the Keystone XL oil pipeline and pause oil and gas leasing on federal land, among other actions.

Even without signed legislation, Biden’s framework shows U.S. leadership on climate, experts said. The U.S. can now tell China and other major polluters: “We set an ambitious goal. We’ve taken

the first meaningful steps toward meeting that goal. What are you going to do?” Larsen said.

Still, there is pressure on Biden and Congress to pass the infrastructure bill and the larger domestic policy package during the two-week climate summit or soon after.

“I do think that if the U.S. is not able, before the end of (the climate summit), to demonstrate that it has some policies in place, there’s no way around it, the credibility will take a blow,” said Nat Keohane, president of the independent Center for Climate and Energy Solutions.

Even as he moves to curb carbon emissions, Biden is feeling pressure from Republicans who unanimously oppose his climate and energy proposals and blame him for a sharp increase in energy prices, including gasoline and home heating supplies.

“Because of Joe Biden’s radical anti-energy agenda, people in every corner of this country are paying higher prices for energy, hurting struggling families, older adults and those on a fixed income, said Wyoming Sen. John Barrasso, the top Republican on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Energy prices have surged in recent months as the economy reopens following COVID-19 shutdowns. Crude oil prices have climbed more than 60% this year amid strong demand and snarled supply chains, prompting Biden to pressure Saudi Arabia and other exporters to ramp up oil production following cuts during the pandemic.

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forth between the candidates regarding renters and homeowners. Valentine said the quote was taken out of context, and if he offended anyone, it was unintentional.

But Simmons said that women and renters — two large voting blocs — have been offended by Valentine’s comments.

“My opponent has consistently said that if you don’t own in this city that you don’t care about our city,” Simmons said. “I think that’s extremely offensive to the 50% of our city that is renting. ... It’s insulting to suggest that they don’t care about our city.”

West Haven

The West Haven mayor’s race was upended recently when the FBI arrested state Rep. Michael DiMassa, a Democrat who is accused of stealing more than \$630,000 in federal funds that had been set aside for COVID-19 relief.

DiMassa had been authorized by the city council last year as one of three people — including Democratic Mayor Nanc R. Rossi — who had access to the money and could make decisions on how to spend the \$1.2 million in federal COVID-19 funds.

Rossi is now locked in a contentious race with Republican council member Barry Lee Cohen, who has sharply criticized Rossi over the scandal, as well as the level of taxation and services in the city. Rossi has defended her administration and said she reported the DiMassa situation after she personally reviewed “potentially fraudulent” expenditures.

DiMassa resigned his seat in the state legislature and also resigned from his city job as an aide to the council at West Haven city hall. He

is accused of stealing the money by billing the city for pandemic-related consulting services that federal officials said he never performed.

New Britain

Longtime mayor Erin Stewart is trying to make history in New Britain as the first Republican mayor to serve for five terms.

But the four-term incumbent is facing her most formidable challenger in years: Democrat Bobby Sanchez, a proven vote-getter who has served in the state legislature for the past 10 years.

Sanchez serves as the co-chairman of the legislature’s education committee, playing a key role in making sure that education dollars flow back to the city. As a result, education has become a key issue in their battle for the mayor’s office.

Sanchez says Stewart has not done enough for education, but she counters that she is working on an ongoing, \$50 million elementary school renovation and has another on the list when that is finished.

Stewart has pushed projects that include the recent start of the demolition of the long-closed St. Thomas Aquinas High School on the East Side and redeveloping a former factory, but Sanchez says that developers have received too many tax breaks for various projects.

West Hartford

The election in West Hartford could bring on the revival of the long-dormant A Connecticut Party.

Overall, 15 candidates are running for the nine-member town council, but voters are allowed to only choose six candidates. Depending on the winners, the council could include members from five groups: Democrats, Republicans, A Connecticut Party,

Libertarian Party, and unaffiliated.

For the past 21 years, Democrats have controlled the council in the affluent Hartford suburb. Democrats expect to retain control because Republicans have only three candidates for the nine seats. A Connecticut Party, which was created by independent Lowell P. Weicker when he was running for governor in 1990, has four candidates who could become the minority party on the council if they are all victorious.

While some towns might suffer from political apathy, West Hartford is going in the other direction.

The 15 candidates for the council represent the second highest total in more than 50 years, officials said. This year also represents the first time in more than 50 years that four political parties and a petitioning candidate are on the slate for town council.

Guilford

In the shoreline town of Guilford, Republicans and Democrats are clashing over the question of “critical race theory” and public education.

A group of conservative Republicans in Guilford won a hotly contested primary on a platform of being opposed to teaching critical race theory. The idea has captured the attention of conservatives nationwide who are opposed to teaching about the nation’s history of systemic racism.

The superintendent and school board members have repeatedly declared the theory is not taught in the Guilford schools, but that has not stopped activists on the issue around the country.

On Tuesday, the Republican slate will be battling against a fusion ticket of two Democrats and three unaffiliated voters for contested seats on the nine-member board.

Bill Bloss, a former Demo-

cratic school board member who is advising the fusion candidates, said recently that the national GOP “has been taken over by Trump, and it is regrettably reflected at the local level.”

The Guilford Republicans said on Facebook that they prefer education that presents “an honest, balanced view of our history and society,” and not one that “attempts to use our schools to divide our children by race and political views.”

Bristol

The stakes are high in Bristol as Republicans try to battle back in a working-class community where Democrats now control the mayor’s office and all seats on the city council.

Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu is seeking her third term after winning the office in 2017 and 2019, saying that progress is on the horizon for the traditionally blue-collar city.

But Republican Jeff Caggiano, a former school board member who is running for mayor, says that progress has been too slow for the past four years under Zoppo-Sassu in the all-important downtown area. She counters that 12 projects are planned for downtown, including some that are expected to break ground soon. Twelve residential units, along with commercial space on the ground floor, are expected to break ground in the coming weeks. In addition, three buildings with 88 apartments and retail space are expected to be built near City Hall starting in the spring.

The biggest, long-running eyesore in the downtown area has been a 17-acre parcel that was the former site of a shopping mall that the city demolished. The mostly asphalt site was vacant for nearly a decade, but Bristol Hospital built a 60,000-square-foot medical care

center in 2019 to serve as the site’s anchor. Now, the mayor says nearly the entire site will be developed.

In an old industrial city, nearly three-quarters of the multiunit housing sites were constructed before 1940.

Caggiano has blasted the city council as a “rubber stamp” as Democrats currently control all of the seats, saying taxes should have been cut instead of holding steady. The Republicans, however, hold a 5-4 majority on the school board.

Political control has shifted back and forth at times in the city of about 60,000 residents as Republicans held the mayor’s seat before Zoppo-Sassu won four years ago.

New Haven

As one of the state’s most high-profile mayors, Justin Elicker has been running New Haven for the past two years.

Elicker had been expected to face a potentially strong Democratic primary challenge, but his expected opponent dropped out in late July. He is now facing Republican John Carlson, who — like Elicker — qualified for the city’s public financing program that was created in 2007.

Elicker vaulted into power when he soundly defeated three-term incumbent Mayor Toni Harp in the primary in which most of the top Democratic players in the city did not endorse anyone publicly — meaning they were dissatisfied with Harp and sending a signal that Democrats should back Elicker.

With an overwhelming Democratic voter registration advantage, Elicker is expected to win another term Tuesday. The past eight mayors of New Haven have been Democrats, and no Republican has held the office since 1953.

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Climate summit opens in Glasgow

Activist tells world leaders: ‘Get in line, or get out of the way’

By Frank Jordans and Ellen Knickmeyer
Associated Press

GLASGOW, Scotland — A crucial U.N. climate summit opened Sunday amid papal appeals for prayers and activists’ demands for action, kicking off two weeks of intense diplomatic negotiations by almost 200 countries aimed at slowing intensifying global warming and adapting to the climate damage already underway.

As U.N. officials gaveled the climate summit to its formal opening in Glasgow, the heads of the world’s leading economies at the close of their own talks in Italy made pledges including stopping international financing of dirty-burning coal-fired power plants by next year. But much of the agreement was vague and not the major push some had been hoping for.

Government leaders face two choices in Glasgow, Patricia Espinosa, head of the U.N. climate office, declared at the summit’s opening: They can sharply cut greenhouse gas emissions and help communities and countries survive what is becoming a hotter, harsher world, Espinosa said. “Or we accept that humanity faces a bleak future on this planet.”

“It is for these reasons and more that we must make progress here in Glasgow,” Espinosa said. “We must make it a success.”

India Logan-Riley, an Indigenous climate activist from New Zealand, had a more blunt message for negotiators and world lead-



Delegates deal with wet weather Sunday during the opening day of the summit in Glasgow, Scotland. OWEN HUMPHREYS/PA

ers at the summit’s opening ceremony.

“Get in line, or get out of the way,” Logan-Riley said.

But G-20 leaders offered more indefinite pledges than commitments of firm action, saying they would seek carbon neutrality “by or around mid-century.” They also agreed to end public financing for coal-fired power generation abroad, but set no target for phasing out coal domestically — a clear nod to China and India.

The G-20 countries represent more than 75% of the world’s climate-damaging emissions.

But major polluters including China and Russia had already made clear they

had no immediate intention of following U.S. and European pledges to zero out all fossil-fuel pollution by 2050. Russia said Sunday it was sticking to its target of 2060.

Before leaving a summit in Rome, U.S. President Joe Biden called it “disappointing” that G-20 members Russia and China “basically didn’t show up” with commitments to address the scourge of climate change ahead of the Scotland summit.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson struck a grim tone, saying G-20 leaders “inched forward” on curbing global warming, but the goal of limiting temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius

(2.7 Fahrenheit) — struck in a landmark deal at the end of the 2015 Paris climate accord — was in danger of slipping out of reach.

“If Glasgow fails then the whole thing fails,” he said.

Some observers decried the G-20 pledges.

“This weak statement from the G-20 is what happens when developing countries who are bearing the full force of the climate crisis are shut out of the room,” said Mohamed Adow, director of Power Shift Africa. “The world’s biggest economies comprehensively failed to put climate change on the top of the agenda ahead of COP26 in Glasgow.”

The more anticipated launch of COP26 comes Monday, when world leaders will gather to lay out their countries’ efforts to curb emissions from burning coal, gas and oil and deal with mounting climate change-induced damage.

The leaders of two of the top climate-polluting nations — China and Russia — were not expected to attend the summit, though senior officials from those countries planned to participate. Biden, whose country is the world’s biggest climate polluter after China, said the summit comes at a time when division within his own Democratic party is forcing him to scale back

ambitious climate efforts.

At the Vatican on Sunday, Pope Francis urged the crowds of people gathered in St. Peter’s Square: “Let us pray so that the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor” is heard by summit participants.

Negotiators will push nations to ratchet up their efforts to keep global temperatures from rising by more than 1.5 degrees Celsius this century compared with pre-industrial times.

The climate summit remains “our last, best hope to keep 1.5 in reach,” said Alok Sharma, the British government minister chairing climate talks.

Scientists say the chances of meeting that goal are slowly slipping away. The world has already warmed by more than 1.1C and current projections based on planned emissions cuts over the next decade are for it to hit 2.7C by the year 2100.

The amount of energy unleashed by such planetary warming would melt much of the planet’s ice, raise global sea levels and greatly increase the likelihood and intensity of extreme weather, experts say.

Sharma noted that China, the world’s biggest emitter of greenhouse gases, had just raised its climate targets somewhat.

“But of course we expected more,” Sharma told the BBC Sunday.

India, the world’s third biggest emitter, has yet to follow China, the U.S. and the European Union in setting a target for reaching ‘net zero’ emissions. Negotiators are hoping Prime Minister Narendra Modi will announce a goal in Glasgow.

G-20 leaders make vague vow on carbon neutrality

But climate activists, UN, UK see summit pledges falling short

By Nicole Winfield, David McHugh and Karl Ritter
Associated Press

ROME — Leaders of the world’s biggest economies agreed Sunday to stop funding coal-fired power plants in poor countries and made a vague commitment to seek carbon neutrality “by or around mid-century” as they wrapped up a Rome summit before the much larger United Nations climate conference in Glasgow, Scotland.

While Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi and French President Emmanuel Macron described the Group of 20 summit as a success, the outcome disappointed climate activists, the chief of the U.N. and Britain’s leader.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson called the G-20’s commitments “drops in a rapidly warming ocean.”

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres agreed the outcome was not enough.

“While I welcome the #G20’s recommendation to global solutions, I leave Rome with my hopes unful-

filled — but at least they are not buried,” Guterres tweeted.

The G-20 countries represent more than three-quarters of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions, and Britain had hoped for a “G-20 bounce” going into the Glasgow COP26 meeting. Environmentalists and scientists have described the U.N. conference as the world’s “last best hope” for nailing down commitments to limit the global rise in temperature to 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above the pre-industrial average.

Britain pushed for a commitment to achieve climate neutrality or net-zero emissions, meaning a balance between greenhouse gases added to and removed from the atmosphere, by 2050.

The United States and the European Union have set 2050 as their own deadline for reaching net-zero emissions, while China, Russia and Saudi Arabia are aiming for 2060. The leaders of those three countries didn’t come to Rome for the summit.

In the end, the G-20 leaders arrived at a compromise to achieve climate neutrality “by or around mid-century,” not a set year.

Before leaving Rome, U.S. President Joe Biden called it “disappointing” that G-20 members Russia and China “basically didn’t show up” with commitments to address the scourge of climate change ahead of the U.N. climate conference.

Russian leader Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping are not expected to attend the conference in Glasgow, although they are sending senior officials to the talks.

Earlier on Sunday, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov pushed back at the West’s target date.

“Why do you believe 2050 is some magic figure?” Lavrov asked at a news conference. “If it is an ambition of the European Union, it is the right of other countries also to have ambitions. ... No one has proven to us or anybody else that 2050 is something everyone must subscribe to.”

Italy’s Draghi said the declaration went further on climate than any G-20 statement before it.

He noted that it referred to keeping the 1.5-degree global warming target within reach, something that science shows will be hard to accomplish unless the world dramatically cuts emissions from fossil fuels.



British Prime Minister Boris Johnson called the G-20’s commitments “drops in a rapidly warming ocean” Sunday in Rome. Scotland is hosting COP26. JEFF MITCHELL/GETTY

“We changed the goalposts,” Draghi told reporters.

The future of coal, a key source of greenhouse gas emissions, also proved one of the most difficult issues on which to find consensus for the G-20.

At the Rome summit, leaders agreed to “put an end to the provision of international public finance for new unabated coal power generation abroad by the end of 2021.” That refers to financial support for building coal plants abroad.

Western countries have been moving away from such financing and major Asian economies are following suit: China’s Xi announced at the U.N. General Assembly last month that Beijing would stop funding such projects, and Japan and South Korea made similar commitments earlier in the year.

China has not set an end date for building coal plants at home, however. Coal is still China’s main source of power generation, and both China and India have

resisted proposals for a G-20 declaration on phasing out domestic coal consumption.

Youth climate activists Greta Thunberg and Vanessa Nakate issued an open letter to the media as the G-20 was wrapping up, stressing three fundamental aspects of the climate crisis that often are downplayed: that time is running out, that any solution must provide justice to the people most affected, and that the biggest polluters often hide behind incomplete statistics about their true emissions.

Biden reveals new steps at G-20 summit to strengthen supply chains

By Zeke Miller and Josh Boak
Associated Press

ROME — President Joe Biden on Sunday unveiled several new steps the U.S. is taking to strengthen and streamline supply chains as he convened world leaders at the Group of 20 summit to discuss the bottlenecks hampering the global economy as it recovers from the coronavirus pandemic.

Biden is viewing the issue through a global lens,

offering new funding and processes to help ports in Mexico, Central America and Asia as one of his proposals. He noted that few citizens had ever tracked the flow of goods at ports until it became clear this year that the infrastructure for moving goods around the world is badly broken and in need of repair.

“Supply chains are something that most of our citizens never think twice about until something goes wrong,” Biden said. “It isn’t

a problem any one of our nations can solve through unilateral actions. Coordination is the key reason for this meeting.”

Despite devoting a combined \$15 trillion to combat the fallout from COVID-19, many of the world’s largest economies are slogging through mass shortages as ships are waiting to dock, the prices of shipping containers climb, not enough trucks exist to haul goods from ports, and virus outbreaks halt factory

production.

Supply chain issues have emerged as a point of economic and political pain for Biden, as the delays have contributed to inflation and potentially put a damper on holiday shopping. Republican lawmakers have cited the threat of inflation and supply chain challenges in critiquing Biden’s economic leadership.

Biden signed an executive order to streamline access to critical minerals and materials. The Defense

Department would be empowered to release raw materials from the National Defense Stockpile, allowing for a faster response to shortfalls in the U.S. industrial base.

Separately, the State Department will also provide funding to assist Mexico and Central America in relieving supply chain disruptions and bottlenecks. This follows the recent U.S.-ASEAN summit where new funding was announced



to simplify customs and clearance procedures.

The U.S. will also work with other nations as Biden announced that Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo will host a summit next year on building stronger supply chains that can withstand setbacks from a pandemic or extreme weather caused by climate change.

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NEWS BRIEFING

Costumed man with knife injures 17, starts fire on train in Tokyo

From news services

TOKYO — A man dressed in Batman’s Joker costume and brandishing a knife on a Tokyo commuter train on Sunday stabbed several passengers before starting a fire, which sent people scrambling to escape and jumping from windows, police and witnesses said.

The Tokyo Fire Department said 17 passengers were injured, including three seriously. Not all of them were stabbed and most of the other injuries were not serious, the agency said.

The attacker, identified as a 24-year-old man, was arrested and was being investigated on suspicion of attempted murder, NHK said.

Nippon Television reported that the suspect told police that he wanted to kill and get a death penalty, and that he used an earlier train stabbing case as an example.

Witnesses told police that the attacker was wearing a bright outfit — a green shirt, a blue suit and a purple coat — like the Joker in Batman comics or someone going to a Halloween event, according to media reports.

Television footage showed a number of fire-fighters, police officials and paramedics rescuing the passengers, many of whom escaped through train windows. In one video, passengers were running from another car, where flames were gushing.

NHK said the suspect, after stabbing passengers, poured a liquid resembling oil from a plastic bottle and set fire, which partially burned seats.

Japan election: Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida’s governing coalition kept a majority in a parliamentary election

Sunday but was expected to lose some seats in a setback for his weeks-old government grappling with a coronavirus-battered economy and regional security challenges, according to preliminary results.

Kishida’s Liberal Democratic Party and its junior coalition partner Komeito together have won 274 seats as of late Sunday, with some 40 seats still undecided, in the 465-member lower house, the more powerful of Japan’s two-chamber Diet, public broadcaster NHK reported.

The LDP has also won a single majority at 247 seats, with Komeito gaining 27 seats, according to NHK.

Their combined strength has exceeded a parliamentary majority of 233 and also “an absolute majority” of 261 seats — a level that allows the ruling bloc to control all parliamentary committees and easily ram through legislations. But it also showed a loss from 305 seats previously.

White House infection: Press secretary Jen Psaki said Sunday that she has contracted COVID-19.

She said she was last in contact with President Joe Biden on Tuesday, when she met him in the White House. Psaki said they were more than 6 feet apart and wearing masks.

Psaki is not traveling with Biden, who was in Rome for the Group of 20 summit, and will be in Glasgow, Scotland, on Monday for a U.N. climate summit.

Party shooting: A suspect was arrested Sunday in a shooting that left one person dead and nine others wounded at a Halloween party in eastern Texas, police said.

Police in Texarkana, Texas, said the suspected



A woman on a ladder places flowers by a relative’s niche Sunday at Our Lady of Almudena Cemetery in Madrid. Monday will mark All Saints’ Day, a Catholic holiday to honor saints of the past as well as deceased relatives and loved ones. **PAUL WHITE/AP**

shooter, Keuntae McElroy, 21, of Texarkana, Arkansas, turned himself in Sunday morning. Police say McElroy was booked into jail on one count of felony aggravated assault and additional charges are expected Monday.

Around 200 people were at the party at an event center late Saturday when gunfire erupted, police said.

The 10 people who were shot went to two hospitals for treatment, police said.

A 20-year-old man was pronounced dead at a hospital.

Police said the injuries of the other nine didn’t appear to be life-threatening.

American grounds flights: American Airlines has canceled more than 1,600 flights over the past three days, citing blustery conditions in Texas and a shortage of flight attendants.

By early afternoon Sunday, American had canceled more than 800 flights — almost 30% of its schedule for the day — after

scrapping nearly 900 flights Friday and Saturday, according to tracking service FlightAware.

American’s troubles began late in the week, when high winds at times shut down flights and prevented the airline from using all runways at its busiest hub, Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport. That made it difficult for American to get crews in position for upcoming flights, and the cancellations and delays grew worse Saturday and Sunday.

A spokeswoman for American said the airline expects considerable improvement starting Monday, although there will be “some residual impact from the weekend.”

Mexico explosions: Early morning explosions, apparently caused by an illegal tap on a gas line, shook the central Mexican city of Puebla on Sunday, killing at least one person, injuring 11 and damaging dozens of homes, according to state officials

Puebla Gov. Miguel Barbosa said an emergency call warning of a gas smell and cloud in the area gave officials about 80 minutes to evacuate some 2,000 people living as far one-half mile of the leak before the first of three explosions, which came shortly before 3 a.m.

“If there had not been an evacuation and there had not been coordination, there would have been a tragedy of great proportions,” Gov. Barbosa said.

Officials said at least 54 homes were destroyed or damaged in the San Pablo Xochimehuacan district of Puebla, a city of 1.7 million people. At least two of the injured were in critical condition.

Officials also briefly evacuated 37 patients from a nearby hospital, but it was back in service hours later after suffering minor damage.

The governor said rescue teams with dogs were searching for more possible victims, though there were no reports of missing people.

An illegal tap of a gasoline line caused an explosion that killed at least 134 people in the town of Tlahuelilpan, north of Mexico City, in 2019. Townspeople had gathered in a field to fill containers with gasoline leaking from the line.

Day of the Dead: Mexico returned Sunday to mass commemorations of the Day of the Dead, after traditional visits to graveyards were prohibited last year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

The holiday began Sunday to remember those who died in accidents; it continues Monday to mark those died in childhood, and on Tuesday for those who died as adults.

There was a special altar in downtown Mexico City dedicated to those who died of COVID-19.

Mexico has over 288,000 test-confirmed deaths, but probable coronavirus mortalities as listed on death certificates suggest a toll closer to 440,000.

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Why police traffic stops turn deadly

Review: Over 400 unarmed motorists killed in past 5 years

By David D. Kirkpatrick, Steve Eder, Kim Barker and Julie Tate
The New York Times

“Open the door now! You are going to get shot!” an officer in Rock Falls, Illinois, shouted at Nathaniel Edwards after a car chase. “Hands out the window now, or you will be shot!” yelled a patrolman in Bakersfield, California, as Marvin Urbina wrestled with inflated air bags after a pursuit ended in a crash. “I am going to shoot you; what part of that don’t you understand?” threatened an officer in Little Rock, Arkansas, adding a profanity, as she tried to pry James Hartsfield from his car.

The police officers who issued those warnings had stopped the motorists for common offenses: swerving across double yellow lines, speeding recklessly, carrying an open beer bottle. None of the men were armed. Yet within moments of pulling them over, officers fatally shot all three.

The deaths are among a series of seemingly avoidable killings across the country. Over the past five years, a New York Times investigation found, police officers have killed more than 400 drivers or passengers who were not wielding a gun or a knife or under pursuit for a violent crime — a rate of more than one a week.

Most of the officers did so with impunity. Only five have been convicted of crimes in those killings, according to a review of the publicly reported cases. Yet local governments paid at least \$125 million to resolve about 40 wrongful-death lawsuits and other claims. Many stops began with common traffic violations like broken taillights or running a red light; relative to the population, Black



A police officer pulls over a motorist July 8 in Savanna, Oklahoma. NICK OXFORD/THE NEW YORK TIMES

drivers were overrepresented among those killed.

The recurrence of such cases and the rarity of convictions both follow from an overstatement, ingrained in court precedents and police culture, of the danger that vehicle stops pose to officers. Claiming a sense of mortal peril — whether genuine in the moment or only asserted later — has often shielded officers from accountability for using deadly force.

“We get into what I would call anticipatory killings,” said Sim Gill, the district attorney for Salt Lake County, Utah. “We can’t give carte blanche to that.”

In case after case, officers said they had feared for their lives. And in case after case, prosecutors declared the killings of unarmed motorists legally justifiable.

But The New York Times reviewed video and audio recordings, prosecutor statements and court documents, finding patterns of questionable police conduct that went beyond recent high-profile deaths of unarmed drivers. Evidence often contradicted

the accounts of law enforcement officers.

Dozens of encounters appeared to turn on what criminologists describe as officer-created jeopardy: Officers regularly — and unnecessarily — placed themselves in danger by standing in front of fleeing vehicles or reaching inside car windows, then fired their weapons in what they later said was self-defense. Frequently, officers also appeared to exaggerate the threat.

In many cases, local police officers, state troopers or sheriff’s deputies responded with outsize aggression to disrespect or disobedience — a driver talking back, revving an engine or refusing to get out of a car, what officers sometimes call “contempt of cop.”

In dashboard and body camera footage, officers could be seen shooting at cars driving away, or threatening deadly force in their first words to motorists, or surrounding sleeping drivers with a ring of gun barrels — then shooting them when, startled awake, they tried to take off. More

than three-quarters of the unarmed motorists were killed while attempting to flee.

Some families of the drivers said that their relatives were not blameless.

“I don’t have my head buried in the sand,” said Deborah Lilly, whose 29-year-old son, Tyler Hays, had drugs in his car and tried to run away when he was pulled over for tinted windows last year by a sheriff’s deputy in Hamilton County, Tennessee. “I am just saying he did not deserve to get shot in the back.”

Almost all of the officers involved in these cases declined to comment or could not be reached.

Traffic stops are by far the most common police encounters with civilians, and officers have reason to be wary in their approach: They do not know who is inside a car or whether there are weapons.

Ten officers have been killed this year in such interactions, including a Chicago officer who was shot in August by a passenger during a traffic stop for

an expired registration.

But some police chiefs and criminologists said that alarmist training about vehicle stops has made officers too quick to shoot at times, resulting in needless killings. Academies and commanding officers often rely on misleading statistics, gory cop-killing videos and simulated worst-case scenarios to instill hypervigilance.

“All you’ve heard are horror stories about what could happen,” said Sarah Mooney, assistant police chief in West Palm Beach, Florida. “It is very difficult to try to train that out of somebody.”

The overemphasis on danger has fostered tolerance for police misconduct at vehicle stops, some argue.

“Prosecutors and courts give more leeway to officers’ decisions to use force at vehicle stops, as a result of the exaggerated concern about the potential for officers getting hurt,” said Michael Gennaco, a consultant to police departments on officer accountability and a former Justice Department prosecutor. “Officers would likely kill fewer driv-

ers if there were deterrence.”

Of the roughly 280 officers killed on duty since late 2016, about 60 died — mostly by gunfire — at the hands of motorists who had been pulled over, a Times analysis showed. (About 170 other officers died in accidents on the job.)

But the assertions about the heightened danger ignore the context: Vehicle stops far outnumber every other kind of police dealings with civilians.

Because the police pull over so many cars and trucks — tens of millions each year — an officer’s chances of being killed at any vehicle stop are less than 1 in 3.6 million, excluding accidents, two studies have shown.

At stops for common traffic infractions, the odds are as low as 1 in 6.5 million, according to a 2019 study by Jordan Blair Woods, a law professor at the University of Arkansas.

“The risk is statistically negligible, but nonetheless it is existentially amplified,” said Gill, the Salt Lake County district attorney and an outspoken proponent of increased police accountability.

Many of the fatal vehicle stops reviewed by the Times unfolded in a similar way: Officers acted as if their lives were in constant peril and killed drivers who failed to obey orders.

“The fear is excessive,” said Grant Fredericks, an authority on the forensic analysis of dash and body camera footage and a former officer who has examined scores of police shootings at vehicle stops. “The more fear officers feel, the more aggressive they become.”

But no degree of fright, he said, explained the approach of some officers, who often threatened or used deadly force in response to mere defiance.

“The reaction sometimes seems to be, ‘How dare you?’” Fredericks said. “‘How dare you not do what you’re told to do?’”



Sarah Clemente snuggles with a daughter, Penelope, on Saturday at their home. Clemente, of Charleston, West Virginia, supported a proposal for paid family medical leave. JAY REEVES/AP

Frustration from demise of paid family leave felt in W.Va.

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Jessi Garman, the mother of 3-year-old twin girls, has been searching for a job while also trying to have a third child with her husband, who’s in the military. Optimistic that Congress finally would approve paid family medical leave, she thought the time seemed right.

But that was before opposition by Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., torpedoed the proposal.

“It almost feels personal because Joe Manchin is my senator,” said Garman, of Milton.

Supporters of a decades-old proposal to let workers take time off for medical needs including childbirth, surgeries and end-of-life care are dealing with another disappointment in West Virginia, a poor state with one of the nation’s oldest populations.

State activists are still working on Manchin, said Kayla Young, a member of the state House of Delegates who also is helping with an advocacy group, Paid Leave

Works for West Virginia. They hope some version of paid leave may be included in President Joe Biden’s social spending package.

“It’s disheartening, but I don’t think it’s over yet,” said Young.

Sarah Clemente hopes Young is right, since paid leave would have made things easier with all three of her children. Instead, she said, she had to take off two years and return to work a week after the birth of her youngest — Penelope, now 6 — whom she and husband Ryan adopted from a relative.

“We followed the textbook on what you’re supposed to do to be responsible, successful adults. And while we are there now, there was a lot of suffering and heartbreak,” said Clemente, 40, a health care manager. “And it’s still hard.”

Biden initially proposed 12 weeks of paid leave for new parents, people caring for loved ones or people recovering from an illness, but it wasn’t included in a \$1.7 trillion framework released by the White House on Thursday.

Manchin, whose support is key due to the slim Democratic edge in the Senate, said he wanted to avoid turning the country into “an entitlement society.”

Democrats continue lobbying the senator, but he hasn’t shown signs of budging despite proposals to trim leave to four weeks or restrict it to new parents. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, D-N.Y., said she has spoken extensively with Manchin, but he wasn’t focused on specifics of the proposal and had concerns about its cost.

In Manchin’s home county in northern West Virginia, Amber Gabor allowed that some time off would have come in handy when one of her kids — ages 2, 7 and 9, with another one expected in a couple of weeks — had to stay home for two weeks after a coronavirus case at his school. But 12 weeks of paid leave sounded excessive to her.

“I would see why you would need all that at one time, unless it was a maternity type of leave. But most (work) places offer that anyway,” said Gabor, a customer service representative for a power company.

Potential jurors in Ga. trial see racism in Arbery slaying

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — People questioned during jury selection about the killing of Ahmaud Arbery have said he was “racially profiled” by the white men who chased and shot him, singled out “due to his color” and targeted for being “a Black person who was thought to have been stealing things.”

The statements came in response to questions about race from prosecutors and defense attorneys who are trying to seat an impartial jury for the trial over Arbery’s death in February 2020 the coastal Georgia city of Brunswick. The inquiries elicited some pointed responses.

“The whole case is about racism,” one woman, identified only as potential juror No. 199, said last week in the courtroom. She said the three men charged with murder “hunted him down and killed him like an animal.”

Another prospective juror, No. 72, told the attorneys: “If it was a white guy running through the neighborhood, I don’t think he would have been targeted as a suspect.”

The comments could signal trouble for defense attorneys, who have often argued for the dismissal of potential jurors who see Arbery as a victim of racial prejudice. Several of them, including Nos. 199 and 72, have been deemed qualified by Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley to remain in the pool from which a final jury will be chosen.

“It could be devastating for the defense,” said Michael Schiavone, a Savannah criminal defense attorney who isn’t involved in the case. “I would be very skeptical that they could be fair after they told me their opinion.”



Greg McMichael, left, listens to jury selection on Oct. 25 in Georgia. McMichael, his son and a third man are on trial in the 2020 death of Ahmaud Arbery. STEPHEN B. MORTON/AP

Under Georgia law, potential jurors are not automatically disqualified for showing up with preconceived opinions about a case, as long as they pledge to set those opinions aside and remain fair and impartial while hearing the trial evidence. Walmsley has repeatedly cited that standard.

Greg McMichael and his adult son, Travis McMichael, armed themselves and pursued Arbery in a pickup after spotting the 25-year-old man running in their neighborhood. A neighbor, William “Roddie” Bryan, joined the chase and recorded cellphone video of Travis McMichael shooting Arbery three times with a shotgun.

Defense attorneys say the McMichaels and Bryan had reason to suspect Arbery was committing crimes in the neighborhood after he was recorded by security cameras inside a home under construction. They say Travis McMichael fired his shotgun in self-defense when Arbery attacked him with his fists.

No one was arrested or charged in the killing for more than two months, until the video leaked online and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation took over the case from local police.

If defense attorneys conclude that the jury pool is shaping up to be biased against them, they could ask the judge to halt jury selection and move the trial. Otherwise, before a final jury is seated, lawyers on both sides will have a limited number of strikes that let them cut potential jurors they may feel are unfavorable.

If any of the defendants are convicted, it’s possible that the judge’s reluctance to dismiss jurors who expressed strong opinions could be used as grounds for an appeal, said Jeffrey Abramson, a law professor at the University of Texas and author of the 1994 book “We, the Jury.”

A federal appeals court last year threw out the death sentence of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in the Boston Marathon bombing after concluding that the trial judge failed to adequately screen jurors for potential biases. That decision is now before the U.S. Supreme Court, which has yet to rule on the matter.

The men on trial for Arbery’s death are charged with murder, aggravated assault, false imprisonment and attempted false imprisonment — crimes that do not require any evidence of racist motivation.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Op-ed on diversity was a breath of fresh air

Bravo to Katherine and Jonathan Green! What a well-written piece concerning racism [“Insight, Page 1, Oct. 24, “The path forward”]. Diversity is a wonderful thing and yes, America does belong to all of us. Acceptance of diversity is what makes America great. Thank you for a truly well-written piece.

Doretta R La Porta, Avon

Greene did not warrant Page 1 coverage

Why would you put the Marjorie Taylor Greene story on Page 1 [Oct. 24, “Anti-Biden furor dominates Rally”]? She is defending the insurrection that took place on Jan. 6 and is spreading Trump’s big lie about the election being stolen. Shame on you for this type of coverage.

Ann Hunter, West Hartford

Gambling causes trouble, don’t endorse it

Much to my displeasure, I opened my Hartford Courant on Saturday to find a full-page advertisement for online gambling. On Sunday, I saw a Page 1 piece describing the myriad problems caused by gambling [Page 1, Oct. 24, “State braces for rise in problem gambling”]. If “my” newspaper recognizes the danger of “having a casino in your pocket,” why support the seductive activity with advertising? Pick a message for Connecticut citizens and deliver it. Show us that journalism truly does matter.

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On Wednesday, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in a challenge to a New York statute, essentially unchanged since 1913, which requires people seeking a license to carry guns outside their home to demonstrate a “proper cause.” J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

OP-ED

Supreme Court will decide what it means to ‘bear’ arms

By George F. Will
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court’s nine fine minds are about to ponder the meaning of a verb. What they decide will have important state and municipal policy consequences. How they decide — their reasoning — might have momentous implications for how the current court construes the Constitution.

The Second Amendment — “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed” — includes a 13-word preamble that was not explicitly interpreted until 217 years after the amendment’s ratification in 1791. The court decided in 2008 that the preamble did not mean that the right to possess firearms was conditional on membership in a militia.

Thirteen years have passed since this ruling that the amendment guarantees an individual right, independent of militia membership. But the particular right at issue in 2008 was the right to keep a functioning handgun in one’s home for self-defense. Now, the court must construe one of the amendment’s 14 other words: “bear.”

On Wednesday, the court will hear oral arguments in a challenge to a New York statute, essentially unchanged since 1913, which requires people seeking a license to carry guns outside their home to demonstrate a “proper cause.” The statute does not define this, but in practice the state says it means an “actual and articulable” need for self-protection, a criterion that New York officials apply to few New Yorkers. Hawaii is one of seven states with laws

similar to New York’s, and last March the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit, noting a long tradition of governments regulating “firearms in the public square,” ruled (7 to 4) that Hawaii’s law is constitutional because there is no Second Amendment right “to carry arms openly.” Five years ago, the 9th Circuit, which includes 67 million Americans, said the same about concealed carrying. A scathing dissent in March said the 9th Circuit “has decided that the Second Amendment does not mean what it says.”

No other circuit has been so bold; other circuits have disagreed to varying extents. So, the Supreme Court must bring some regularity to a nation where in 2020 almost 20 million Americans had concealed-carry permits, and today at least 21 states generally allow concealed guns to be carried without a permit.

Briefs supporting and opposing New York have excavated historical examples of laws protecting, and laws circumscribing, the right to carry guns in public. Even 19th century Tombstone, Ariz., when it was a wilder part of the Wild West than it wanted to be, required new arrivals to deposit their guns at the edge of town, or to register them with the sheriff.

But 25 Republican U.S. senators say these various laws, which illustrate the history of legislatures balancing gun rights and consideration of public safety, are irrelevant because such legislative balancing is impermissible. The senators’ amicus brief says the Second Amendment’s framers did the balancing with finality: They decided that the benefits of guaranteeing the right to bear arms “outweigh” any costs, and by writing this judgment into the Constitution they precluded any future legislature from

adopting a different risk-benefit calculation. Bearing arms is a right “the people” enjoy without seeking permission; it is not a “mere privilege” for a few government-favored categories of people. The senators say the right to “bear” as well as “keep” arms means that the amendment’s framers meant the right to apply “both at home and out in the world.” This “constitutional choice made in 1791 stands until the Constitution is amended.

The senators’ argument has a beguiling clarity that essentially eliminates the need for, or possibility of, making policy judgments. It must, however, accommodate what Justice Antonin Scalia, writing for the majority, said in 2008: Nothing “in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on longstanding prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings.” Furthermore, the opinion protected the sort of weapons “in common use” when the amendment was ratified, and acknowledged “the historical tradition of prohibiting the carrying of ‘dangerous and unusual weapons.’”

So, some balancing of the Second Amendment individual right with concerns about public safety, although supposedly proscribed in 1791, was contemplated in 2008. It would be astonishing for the court to say, when it decides New York’s case, this: The individual right first explicitly affirmed in 2008 is unique among constitutional rights in being absolutely immune from limits.

George Will writes on politics and domestic and foreign affairs for The Washington Post.

OP-ED

Is ‘Big Quit’ a golden opportunity or siren song?

By Mishal Khan
Chicago Tribune

Everyone has been talking about the “Big Quit” movement sweeping across the U.S. and beyond. Experts are grappling with statistics showing record-breaking labor shortages — from Amazon warehouse floors to centers of the care and knowledge economy.

For centuries, work has been at the heart of how the vast majority of us measure our worth — as citizens and as human beings. Today, it is the ticket to survival in 21st century America.

For the first time in recent memory, workers are wresting back some of their power as employers struggle to fill vacancies and devise new methods to entice people back to work. Could this be the end of corporate exploitation, bad bosses, long and thankless hours and the beginning of something new? A new form of “freedom”?

As a historical sociologist of labor, I believe this is a crucial moment for reflection. What exactly are we running toward? Is the solution to the ills of modern work to go out on our own? What lessons can history teach us?

After slavery was abolished in the 19th century, ex-slaves, migrants and the working classes were all told to cherish their “freedom” — but they quickly learned that freedom meant work. Productivity became central to the human endeavor, the gold standard for personal flourishing and social progress.

The free labor contract too became the law of civilized nations. No longer could individuals be coerced, bound or whipped into work. The age of consent had arrived. Yet, what did this mean when to survive was to — voluntarily — sign away all waking hours to the factory, mine or plan-



A “Now Hiring” sign is displayed outside a Starbucks drive-thru coffee shop in Glendale, California, in July. ROBYN BECK/AFP-TNS

tation owner?

Some relief was found in the 20th century social contract with the welfare state — due in large part to the victories of organized labor. But since the 1980s, the state has rolled back many of these protections, leaving it to the private sector to provide — in the name of the “free” market.

Benefits and social protections are needed to survive in modern America now more than ever tied to the traditional work relationship. Quietly, corporations have increasingly opted for leaner subcontracting and temporary work arrangements — in the name of flexibility.

The “Great Resignation” signals a collective realization that there is a serious

problem with work. Many are simply not returning to traditional jobs at all. A record number of women have been forced out of the job market — exposing a glaring rift between the social versus the economic “value” of care work.

For others, mental health now trumps the relentless pursuit of a career. Still, others have simply reached their limit with employers that prioritize profit and gain over their people. Everyone — from Trevor Noah to Robert Reich — has been offering up explanations as to why people are quitting.

But beyond working from home, what does this demand for “flexible” work really look like?

Trends indicate that many are opting for the autonomy of entrepreneurship, freelance, contract or gig work. This move is being celebrated as the “Great Contingency” — a new era of freedom and flexibility. After a grueling 18 months, these flexible work arrangements seem more alluring than ever. In response, companies are already contemplating part-time contracts and freelancers as a permanent hiring model.

We must be cautious about jumping too quickly into this new era of autonomy and self-dependence. Who will be there to catch us when we fall?

The economically secure can pump social and financial capital into new startups, fall back on savings and flit between opportunities — but do we all have this luxury? History shows us that “freedom” comes with new risks. Study after study has warned us of the decreased earnings and growing insecurity of gig work, as the most economically marginalized are barely earning a minimum wage.

The “Great Resignation” could be a golden opportunity — a chance to radically transform the central place of work in our lives. But are we marching headlong off a cliff — voluntarily opting out of the lifelines provided by the employment relationship, no matter how problematic?

If this trend continues, this could be a mass flight into precarity. Many are caught between a rock and a hard place. We must tread carefully, demanding new ways to live economically secure lives — while resisting the urge to blindly follow the siren song of freedom.

Mishal Khan, Ph.D., is a social scientist with a focus on the regulation of labor after slavery across the globe and how these shifts affect the future of work.

OBITUARIES BY TOWN

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Bernard C. Miner
Zachary J. Montenieri
- EAST HARTFORD**
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- HEBRON**
Margaret Hotchkiss
- NEW BRITAIN**
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- ROCKY HILL**
Alice Sterling
- SOUTHINGTON**
Laura L. Poitras
- WINDSOR**
Donna L. Wheaton
- OUT OF STATE**
Zachary J. Montenieri
Alcoa, TN

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OBITUARIES

Barber, Karen A. (Teale)



Karen Barber (nee Teale) passed away at her home on Wednesday, Oct. 27, after a lengthy illness. She was born and raised in Hartford. She attended Hartford and East Hartford public schools. Karen was known throughout her childhood by everyone who knew her as a kindhearted and gentle child. These qualities would serve her well in adulthood, when he chose to become one of Jehovah's Witnesses. Her love for "the truth that leads to eternal life" caused her to preach the "good news of the kingdom" since she and her husband of 43 years, Jesse, dedicated their lives to Jehovah in 1982. Our loss is simply immeasurable. She was predeceased by her father, Charles Edward Smith. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Jesse Barber Jr.; their son, Jesse Barber III and his wife, Nathalie; her mother, Francisca Smith; her brothers, Edgar (Rocky) Teale and his wife, Helen, of Alexandria, Virginia, and Charles Teale and his wife, Helaine; and a host of other relatives and millions of spiritual brothers and sisters who will see her again in the New World soon to come!

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Hotchkiss, Margaret (Barry)



Margaret "May" (Barry) Hotchkiss, 88, of Hebron passed away peacefully on Saturday, October 2, 2021. She was the widow of Elmer "Hoppy" G. Hotchkiss, whom she was married to for over fifty years. Born in Hartford, May was the daughter of the late Thomas Barry, Sr. and Josephine (O'Flynn) Barry. She was a faithful member of St. John Fisher Church, Marlborough where she was also part of the prayer shawl ministry. May loved being with family. She was an avid supporter of UCONN Women's Basketball and the Boston Red Sox. Surviving are her son Peter G. Hotchkiss of Hebron, her daughter Darlene Hjulstrom and her husband Kenneth of Marlborough, her daughter-in-law Peggy Hotchkiss, her sister Jody Olander, her granddaughter Jessica M. Savitski and her husband Theodore, her grandson Justin A. Hjulstrom and his wife Jennifer, her great grandchildren Mia and Jaxon Hjulstrom and several nieces and nephews. May will be dearly missed by many friends past and present. She will be reunited with her son Jack B. Hotchkiss and her brother Thomas Barry, Jr. who she dearly missed after their passing. A private graveside service was held at the Gilead Hill Cemetery where May was laid to rest alongside her beloved Hoppy. For online condolences, please visit www.mulryanfh.com

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Nolin, Mildred V.



Mildred "Mickey" Virginia Nolin of Old Saybrook CT., on October 29th 2021 at the full age of 93 passed from this world to her new place, with her maker in Heaven. She was the loving wife of the late Raymond Joseph Nolin Jr. Mickey is survived by seven children, Kathleen Ryan, Richard, Susan, Michael, Maryanne, Elizabeth Crussana, and Glenna Rose O'Neil. Also, her brother-in-law and friend Robert Nolin, closest friend/daughter Joy Keenan. She was predeceased by a son Raymond Joseph Nolin III. Mickey had eleven grandchildren, and nineteen great grandchildren. As per her request there will be no calling hours. A Funeral Mass will be held on November 4th at 11:00am, at St. John Church, 161 Main ST, Old Saybrook. Followed by interment at Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers Mickey asks that you make a donation to the charity of your choice. For a complete obituary or to leave a condolence for Mickey's family please visit www.rwwfh.com. Arrangements by Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, Centerbrook.

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OBITUARIES

Miner, Bernard C.



Bernard Carlton Miner, 77, of Coventry, passed peacefully on October 6, 2021, after a brief acute illness at home with his devoted wife, Donna, at his side. Bernie was born at Hartford Hospital to Russell F. Miner and Etta F. Miner and was raised in Manchester, CT. He was educated in the Manchester public school system and was a graduate of Manchester High School, Class of 1962. An employee of Pratt & Whitney, a division of United Technologies, from 1965- 2000, Bernie began his career as a Jet Engine Metalsmith. He rose through the ranks to the position of General Foreman where he supervised the operation of the Area 6 Sheet Metal fabrication unit. Post-retirement, he was employed by Belcan Corp. as a Contractor from 2000-2009 at Pratt & Whitney where he served on the team that decommissioned P&W's North Haven manufacturing plant. Bernie spent most of his adult life as a resident of Coventry, CT where he was proud to have built his first home and raised his family. Later, he spent 7 years as a resident of Andover, CT and dreamed of building a timber-framed home. He realized this dream in 1995, returning to Coventry, where he and his wife have enjoyed breeding competition whippets under the Domino kennel name for 26 years.

Bernie was a member of the RC Propbusters and maintained an avid interest in remote control aircraft despite losing the ability to fly them due to Parkinson's Disease. Always one to tinker with mechanical equipment, Bernie spent many hours in his "man cave" tuning his Harley Davidson, Triumph cafe racers, and his Ducati Paso. He took great pride in his status as a "gearhead."

Bernie is survived by his Audi TTS Coupe and his wife of 32 years, Donna J. Rotman, in that order. (To be fair, the car was younger and sexier.) In addition, he is survived by his beloved children from his 25-year marriage to Joyce Willard: His daughter, Jennifer Anderson and her husband, Bill, and their children, Blake, Brian, and Brook, of Tolland, CT and his son, Russell J. Miner and his wife, Tina, of Coventry, CT. He is also survived by two younger siblings: a sister, Catherine Haker and her husband, Werner, of Brevard, NC and a brother, Philip Miner, and his wife, Gilda, of Ellenboro, NC. In Bernie's final days, the whippets in his home repaid his love many times over. He drew comfort in the presence of Weasel, Red, Woodford, Sassy, EekumSeekum, Joy, Puffin, Leen Quizzeen, Macaroni, Starling, Caspian, Lakie and Gooseberry. Old granddam Loon became his ever-present companion, guarding him during sleep, dispelling his hallucinations and keeping him warm, her gentle kisses offering solace until his last breath. The family would like to express gratitude to Dr. Joy Antonelle de Marcaida and her staff at the David & Rhoda Chase Family Movement Disorders Center for their decades of care and support. Much appreciation to the Visiting Nurses of Vernon Hospice Care team, as well, for their support and comfort during Bernie's final illness.

Friends, family and co-workers are welcome during visiting hours at the Manchester Funeral Home, 142 East Center St, Manchester, CT 06040 on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 142 East Center Street, Manchester, CT from 5:00pm to 7:00 pm. Interment in the family plot in Manchester's East Cemetery will be private, at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations in Bernie's name may be made to the Whippet Health Foundation, Inc. c/o Susan Bolduc, Treasurer, 31 North St., Blandford, MA 01008. To leave a memory or message of condolence, please visit www.manchesterfh.com

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Poitras, Laura Lee



Laura L. (Collins) Poitras, of Southington, beloved wife of William Poitras, passed away on Friday, October 29, 2021 at home. Laura was born on June 22, 1948 in Hartford and was the daughter of the late Thomas and Mary (King) Collins. She was educated at Immaculate Conception Elementary School and graduated from South Catholic High School in Hartford. Laura retired from Shelco Filters of Middletown where she was an office manager for many years. Laura was an avid shopper and would head out to the stores with anyone that wanted to tag along. She was also an exceptionally good cook, preparing mouthwatering meals for her beloved family. But most of all, Laura loved to dote on her grandchildren. This was her true passion. She went to every single soccer game that involved them, whether it was here in Southington or half way across the country in Minnesota, she was there, cheering them on from the side lines. Besides her husband William, whom she spent 55 years with, she is survived by her children, son Thomas Poitras and his wife Alison of Southington, daughter Mary-Elizabeth Sousa and her husband Bernadino of Southington, and son Christopher Poitras and his wife Maria of Blaine, MN. Laura will also be sadly missed by her seven grandchildren, Ian Poitras and Ella Poitras of Southington, Hannah Sousa and Trevor Sousa of Southington, and Connor Poitras, Brady Poitras, and Addison Poitras of Blaine, MN. She is also survived by her brother Thomas Collins and his wife Barbara of South Windsor, and by her two sisters, Mary Ella Miliard and her husband Fern of Southington, and Kathie Ledoux and her husband Richard of Newington. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great nieces & nephews. She will be missed by her life-long friends and by her four legged best friend, Stella. Her family will receive relatives and friends at The DellaVecchia Funeral Home, 211 N. Main St. Southington on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Masks must be worn. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 9:15 am from the funeral home and at 10:00 am at St. Dominic's Church 1050 Flanders Rd, Southington. Burial will follow in Mount Saint Benedict Cemetery in Bloomfield. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Laura's memory may be made to The Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226. To leave an online condolence or for directions, please visit www.dellavecchiasouthington.com.

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Sterling, Alice

Mrs. Alice Sterling, 90, passed away peacefully on September 6, 2021. Alice was born in White Plains, N.Y., and lived most of her life in Rocky Hill, CT with her husband Charles. They retired in 1994 to Swiss Golf and Tennis in Winter Haven, FL where they were active members of the community and enjoyed playing golf. She continued to enjoy living at Swiss Club after the passing of her husband in 2008 and 53 years of marriage.

She is survived by her loving family which include daughter Christa, son Walter, wife Andrea and granddaughter Alexa, niece Kerstie and husband Reverend Kevin Loughran and family, nephews Wayne and Paul Hasler and family and numerous friends including special family friend David Andrulitis and family.

Alice will be laid to rest next to her husband in the Gardens of Hope at the Hope Presbyterian Church in Winter Haven, FL.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Association or The Humane Society of the United States or a charity of your choice.

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Wheaton, Donna L.

Donna Lee Wheaton, 78, lifelong resident of Windsor, beloved wife of the late Robert Wheaton passed away on October 27, 2021. She was born in Hartford, CT on June 28, 1943; a daughter of the late Charles and Virginia (Nowell) McGeary. She grew up in the Poquonock section of Windsor and attended local schools. Donna worked for many years for the State of Connecticut Department of Revenue.

Donna is survived by her three children, Richard C. Welch of Windsor, Robert J. Welch (Tracey) of Enfield, and Melissa Collins (Richard) of Windsor; six cherished grandchildren, Abigail Welch, Emily Welch, Thomas Welch, Timothy Welch, Renna Welch, Meagan Collins; 3 Great-Grandchildren; her sister, Cheryl Bouchard and several nieces and nephews. In addition, her husband Robert, Donna was predeceased by her granddaughter, Sarah Welch, and her brothers, Charles, Robert, Frankie, John, and Thomas McGeary.

All service are private. Carmon Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. For online expressions of sympathy please visit, www.carmonfuneral-home.com.



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Proposals must be received on or before December 2, 2021 at 2:00 PM. Submittals received after the deadline will not be considered. A Pre-proposal conference will be held on Monday November 15, 2021, at 10:00 A.M. at 24 Bluefield Drive, Manchester, CT. 06040 in the Community Room. The award of this contract shall be governed by the Procurement Policy of the MHA and Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 85.36 and applicable HUD regulations regarding competitive proposals. The MHA reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof. Award of this contract is subject to approval by the MHA Board of Commissioners.
11/1/21 7071537

TOWN OF AVON LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Town of Avon, Connecticut will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall Selectman's Chamber, 60 West Main Street, and/or virtually to consider and permit all interested persons to speak in connection with:

The acquisition by the Town of real property consisting of approximately four (4) acres, commonly known as 503 West Avon Road in the Town of Avon, now or formerly owned by Judith E. Root, and all improvements and appurtenances thereto for the purchase price of \$275,000.00, plus additional costs related to the aforesaid acquisition, due diligence, abatement and demolition of the aforesaid property.

A copy of the proposed purchase and sale agreement have been drafted by the Town Attorney and are on file in the Town Clerk's Office and open to the public for inspection during normal business hours.

Dated at Avon, Connecticut this 8th day of October, 2021.

Brandon L. Robertson
Town Manager
11/1/2021 7069953

Applicant Name: Kaman Aerospace, Corporation
Facility Location:1330 Blue Hills Avenue, Bloomfield, CT
EPA ID Number: CT001455225
NOTICE OF TENTATIVE DETERMINATION

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (the Department) hereby gives notice pursuant to Sections 22a-6h of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) and Section 22a-449(c).110 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA), incorporating and amending 40 CFR Part 270, that a Tentative Corrective Action Complete Determination and that no Resource Recovery Conservation Act (RCRA) Permit is Necessary and to Issue a Certificate of Completion for the Investigation and Corrective Actions at an undeveloped, 23.88-acre portion of the Kaman Aerospace Corporation (Kaman) facility located at 1330 Blue Hills Avenue, in Bloomfield, Connecticut (the Undeveloped Parcel). This means that no environmental engineering or institutional controls are warranted. The Undeveloped Parcel is more thoroughly described in the Town of Bloomfield Land Records in Vol 130 on Page 426.

The Department has developed a Statement of Basis that provides details of the environmental investigation completed at the Undeveloped Parcel on which the Commissioner's tentative determination is based. The Statement of Basis also provides a description of Kaman's closure and corrective action obligations under RCRA. Under these obligations, Kaman is required to ensure that any releases of hazardous wastes or hazardous constituents at a facility have been investigated and remediated to levels established to protect human health and the environment, which include environmental clean-up endpoints to at least those specified pursuant to RCRA Section 22a-133k.1 et seq. (Connecticut's Remediation Standard Regulations). All requirements pursuant to RCRA Section 22a-449(c)-104(a)(2)(O) are in full compliance at the Undeveloped Parcel. The Department's determination that remediation is complete and that a RCRA Permit is not needed means that the Undeveloped Parcel will no longer be part of the Facility (as defined in the Statement of Basis), and the RCRA interim permit status will be terminated for the Undeveloped Parcel.

Information related to this tentative determination is available for review at the Department's Record Center, by appointment when open, and the Department's webpage listing public notices of proposed permit decisions. https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/PublicNotices/PublicNoticesProposedActions-OpportunityforComments/ProposedIndividualPermits

Request for Public Comment
The Commissioner will not make a final decision regarding this proposed decision until the public comment period has closed and all received comments have been evaluated and addressed. All interested persons are invited to express their views on the tentative determination.

All written comments on the tentative determination will be considered if received no later than December 15, 2021. Comments offered verbally during the public informational meeting will also be considered. Written comments should be directed to: Sandy Brunelli, by email to: sandy.brunelli@ct.gov.

or if you prefer,
by US Postal Service mail to:
Sandy Brunelli, Environmental Analyst
Remediation Division, 2nd Floor
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse
CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
79 Elm Street,
Hartford CT 06106-5127

Virtual Public Informational Meeting
The Department will host a Virtual Public Informational Meeting online to present an overview of the site history and the tentative determination, as well as to hear public comments and questions. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM and continue until all comments or questions have been made. Registration for this meeting is required. To register go to: https://ctdeep.zoom.us/j/941999999999. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The Virtual PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING will be held as follows:
Date: December 1, 2021
Time: The Public Informational Meeting will start at 6:00 p.m.
Location: https://ctdeep.zoom.us/j/941999999999
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Facility: Kaman Aerospace Corporation
Address: 1330 Blue Hills Avenue
Bloomfield, CT

The Commissioner will hold a public hearing in addition to this public informational meeting if she determines there is sufficient public interest in her decision that no permit is required because remediation is complete. Any requests for a hearing regarding the tentative determination shall be submitted within 45 days from publication of this notice.

The State of Connecticut has authorization to administer the RCRA hazardous waste program in lieu of the Federal Government. Therefore, hazardous waste facilities in Connecticut are subject to and must comply with all applicable Connecticut hazardous waste requirements found in Sections 22a-449(c)-100 through 119 and 22a-449(c)-11 of the RCSA and Section 22a-449(c) and as applicable, Section 22a-454 of the CGS.

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact (sandy.brunelli@ct.gov) if you are seeking a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, or require some other accommodation. If you wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint, you may submit your complaint to the DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at (860) 418-5910 or via email at deep.accommodations@ct.gov. In order to facilitate efforts to provide an accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program or event.

Jan Michael Czeczotka
Director
Remediation Division,
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse
11/1/2021 7075965

Connecticut

TOWN OF WINDSOR FINANCE DEPARTMENT TOWN HALL 275 BROAD STREET WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT 06095
Notice to Contractors - Invitation to Bid DPW FUEL STATION IMPROVEMENTS WINDSOR, CT RFP E2021-11

In accordance with provisions of the Town Charter, bids will be received until 2:00 PM. on NOVEMBER 23, 2021, in the Finance Office, Town Hall, Windsor, Connecticut. Bids for furnishing of design, materials, equipment, and labor for DPW FUEL STATION IMPROVEMENTS will be opened and read in the Rose Room of the Town Hall immediately following the deadline.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on November 9, 2021 at 11:30 am at the Public Works Complex located at 99 Day Hill Road Windsor, Connecticut.

Bids must be executed in accordance with and subject to instructions contained in the Information for Bidders. It is the responsibility of the Bidder to ensure the sealed bid or proposal is delivered prior to the deadline above.

The DPW FUEL STATION IMPROVEMENTS project will consist of the upgrade of the DPW's fueling station for regulatory compliance, inclusive of the installation of (2) 12,000 gallon double wall fiberglass tanks, (4) dispenser islands, (1) fuel island canopy, (4) single product fuel dispensers, and controls for dispensing equipment at the Town of Windsor DPW Facility on Windsor, CT.

Bidders may obtain complete sets of Bidding Documents online at advancedepro.net. (The Town, Alfred Benesch & Company, and Advanced Reprographics do not guarantee these electronic files and are not responsible for data lost or corrupted.) Go to www.advancedepro.net, click "PLANROOM", and select "PUBLIC JOBS", where Plans and specifications will be available for viewing and purchasing.

Bidders may obtain hard copies of complete sets of Bidding Documents after 12:00 pm local time on November 1, 2021. Bidding documents will also be made available at Advanced Reprographics upon a non-refundable payment to be advised at the time of order/pick-up for EACH SET. Make check payable to Advanced Reprographics. Addenda will be issued to all Bidders who have secured Drawings and Specifications from Advanced Reprographics. Faxes or emails of Addenda will not be provided by the Engineer or Town.

Federal Express orders will only be considered if accompanied by a properly filled out Federal Express form (one form for each set ordered), charging the order to the Contractor's account.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or to waive defects in same if it is deemed in the best interest of the Town of Windsor.

For further information please send questions via email to zinn@townofwindsorct.com. Pertinent questions will be answered via Addendum by close of business on November 18, 2021.

The Town of Windsor is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply.
11/01/21 7075507

The Manchester Housing Authority will open the State of Connecticut Congregate Housing waiting list for Westhill Gardens Congregate. The property consists of 37 1-BR units designated for frail seniors age 62 or older. Up to 150 applicants chosen by lottery will be added onto the waiting list. Applications are available at the MHA office and website at http://manchesterha.org and will be accepted online, by mail, or by drop box at 24 Bluefield Drive Manchester, CT 06040. Applications will be accepted November 1st, 2021 8AM – November 30th, 2021 at 3PM.

FY 2021 Low-Income (80%) Limit	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons
55,950	63,900	71,900	79,900	

The Manchester Housing Authority does not discriminate based upon race, color, disability, familial status, sex or national origin.
11/1/2021 7072020

ORDER OF NOTICE

U-Haul Moving and Storage Company of Waterbury, will sell household and personal items, contained in the following storage rooms due to unpaid storage fees on Monday, November 29th, 2021..

CheNique LaSane	1038
gloria garcia	2041
shatrya lane	2059
Laura Serro	0222
Alex Perez	0210
ANGELA Demarchis	0401
Hailey Goeltz	0402
Natasha Smith	0606
elijah galindez	0318
DAVID BRUNO	2094
Pierre Ward	0427
tiana boez	2056
Laurie Davidson	0308
EDGARDO CEJA	2052
Jerome Harris	0403
MICHAEL BARRETT	0412
Vanessa Garcia	0330
Angleise Marrero	0201
rodney peterson	0108
Christopher Frisk	1047
victor cruz	0414
hugh josephs	2061
Xiomara Viles	1091
Derreck Pruden	0605
Ruben Fernando Jara	1083
Kim Le	0608
TERRI MAIA	1050
Quinones Angelie	0228
justina aquino	1045
Teresa lopez	1070
anthony black	2103
brian caton	0110
christaiaen santiago	0328
william quintero	0512
anthony black	1073

Contents to be sold on the premises of 169 Meriden Road, Waterbury, CT 06705 on Monday, November 29th, 2021 on Storageauctions.com and close out at 9:00AM.

Purchases to be paid for at the time of purchase, a \$100.00 deposit will be needed on EACH room purchased. U-HAUL reserves the right to bid or purchase any lot or space. Auction service provided by www.storageauctions.com

Absolutely NO U-Haul Storage customers, or their family or friends on their behalf, whose units are listed in auction, may participate in any auction proceedings. You MUST contact Marketing Company Storage Manager, Joy Pace, for an appointment to purchase any units won in auction. All persons will be turned away without an appointment. Contact Joy Pace with any questions or concerns at Joy_Pace@uhaul.com
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State looks to entrepreneurs for advice

Lamont invites CEOs to offer ideas on how to attract new businesses

By Stephen Singer
Hartford Courant

NEW HAVEN — Entrepreneurs invited by Gov. Ned Lamont to offer advice on how to draw business to Connecticut suggested shorter commutes, more affordable communities, greater broadband access and bringing pro sports to the state.

“I want to hear from you guys

what we’re doing right and what we can do better,” Lamont said at a recent forum at Connecticut Innovations, the state’s venture capital fund, in New Haven. “We were the most entrepreneurial state in the country going back some generations. We sort of lost our way a little bit.”

Jessica Bailey, chief executive officer and co-founder of Greenworks Lending, which provides private capital, said its corporate parent Nuveen is moving its office in Darien to be in walking distance to the MetroNorth rail station. She suggested it as a strategy to attract

employers to Connecticut.

She also said Fairfield County communities such as South Norwalk and Stamford are “little pockets of activity, but it’s not coalesced enough to have a real heart.” The result is an inability to create a “Brooklyn vibe” that has siphoned off workers, she said.

South Norwalk, known locally as SoNo, “would have been where they look, but it’s too expensive. None of them could afford it,” Bailey said.

Andre Swanston, chief executive officer and co-founder of Tru Optik, a Stamford company

that generates data-driven audience targeting, said it’s been easy to recruit mid-level employees to Fairfield County. In particular, workers in their mid-30s with children were “tired of commuting into New York City on Metro-North,” he said.

He pitched for recruiting a professional sports team to Connecticut to draw recent college graduates in their 20s. That group of workers is generally unmarried and, without children, don’t focus on the quality of public education, Swanston said.

“They’re not going to care about

it for another decade or so and they won’t be here to care about it, quite frankly, if there isn’t more to do,” he said.

Based on Connecticut’s per capita income and population, “it’s the only top-50 media market without a pro team of any sport,” he said. “No NBA, no NFL, no NHL, no MLB, no MLS.”

Peter Londa, chief executive officer of Tantalus Systems, which develops smart grid systems for public power companies, said the state could do more to ensure

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FREE CENTER MIDDLETOWN

Exhibit shines light on artists with disabilities

‘VisAble’ curator: ‘For the artists, this work is healing’

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Artistic talent is everywhere, even among people society considers “invisible.” An exhibit at Free Center Middletown, “VisAble,” shows work by people with mental health, intellectual and physical disabilities. Curator Kerry Kincy said visitors will see underappreciated populations with new eyes, and creating the artwork inspires the artists to change their opinions of themselves.

“Stop underestimating people just because they have a disability. These artworks are brilliant. You just have to meet the artists where they are at,” Kincy said. “For the artists, this work is healing. There is transformation in the making of it, the esteem they get, the sharing of it.”

As Jose Martinez, an artist with schizophrenia, says in his statement, “I understand that I can be surrounded by the negative and dangerous life around me. However, I carry the abilities to expressing a way out. Yes! I can actually go there.

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HENRY HARDY/COURTESY



JOSE MARTINEZ/COURTESY

LEFT: Henry Hardy’s “The Cool Kid Next Door” is part of the “VisAble” exhibit at Free Center Middletown. RIGHT: Jose Martinez’s colored pencil drawing “A Giant Leap of Faith” is part of the “VisAble” exhibit, which will be up until Nov. 17.

Lesser criticized for tweet on Nazis

Democrat senator takes down message that used word in pun

By Daniela Altimari
Hartford Courant

A Democratic state senator who’s a potential candidate for statewide office in 2022 is coming under fire from Republicans for making a reference to Nazis on Twitter.

Sen. Matt Lesser, D-Middletown, Saturday retweeted a comment about a political stunt, organized by an anti-Trump group that was designed to imply the Republican nominee for governor of Virginia is backed by white supremacists.

Lesser then added his own comment: “I did nazi that coming,” he tweeted, using the word Nazi as a pun for “not see.”

Hours after Republicans called him out for invoking Nazis, Lesser removed to the tweet.

“My wife told me it was a dumb tweet,” Lesser said Saturday, “so I took it down.”

Republicans lashed out at Lesser, saying his reference was offensive and demeans the suffering inflicted by the Nazis.

“Of all people, Matt Lesser should know better,” said Ben Proto, chairman of the Republican Party in Connecticut. “He was trying to make a funny pun about it. There’s nothing funny about Nazis.”

Proto called on Lesser to apologize.

“Matt is a partisan’s partisan,” Proto said. “He has an inability to see any side but his own.”

The Twitter tiff is the latest dispute over symbols and language between Republicans and Democrats in Connecticut. In early October, state Rep. Anne Dauphinais, a Republican from Killingly, drew sharp criticism from the leaders of both political parties after she compared Gov. Ned Lamont, a Democrat, to Hitler over COVID-19 policies.

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Hardcore Sweet opens location in Southington

Bakery has raised its profile in TV contests

By Susan Dunne
Hartford Courant

Hardcore Sweet, the Watertown cake bakery that has become famous nationwide by competing on a variety of cable TV competition shows, has opened a location in Southington.

After years of baking for fun, Jeremy Braddock, a heavy-metal guitarist, and Nicole Braddock, a stay-at-home mom, launched a food truck nine years ago. They expanded into a brick-and-mortar store and then a second food vehicle. TV producers noticed their popularity.

“We’ve done ‘Cupcake Wars,’



Jeremy and Nicole Braddock’s Hardcore Sweet, a Watertown-based bakery, has opened a Southington location. SUSAN DUNNE/HARTFORD COURANT

Simsbury High sued by Black ex-coach

Claims administrators targeted him with racism and retaliation

By Don Stacom
Hartford Courant

Lorenzo Milledge claims in a federal lawsuit that Simsbury High School administrators stripped him of his coaching job in retaliation for complaining to police that a student had spat on him.

Milledge, who is Black, claims he is the victim of racial bias and unfair discipline, and contends that he suffered a heart attack after a contentious meeting with administrators.

The school put him on leave from his position as head track coach in 2020 after getting a complaint from a parent that he had inappropriately touched a student. But Milledge contends

that accusation was baseless, and that administrators used it as an excuse to punish him.

In the lawsuit, Milledge argues that there’s evidence administrators never believed the accusation: They stripped him of his coaching position, but let him continue working as a security guard at the school.

“If plaintiff was such a danger to children, why was he allowed to remain in the position as security guard where he comes into contact with these same children?” the suit asks.

Attorney Alexandria Voccio, who is defending the Simsbury schools, said she would have no comment because the case is pending.

Superintendent Matt Curtis noted the matter had gone to the state Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities, but has

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CONNECTICUT

Woman faces extradition after death of her stepson in Florida

By Seamus Mcavoy
Hartford Courant

Connecticut State Police have arrested a woman on an extradition warrant in connection with the death of her 12-year-old stepson, who was found dead in Florida on Oct. 22.

Samarial Renee Dubose, 30, was arrested Friday after her boyfriend, Jason Godleski, 33, of Palm Bay, Florida, was charged Tuesday with aggravated manslaughter of a child and failure to report a death. Dubose faces extradition to Florida on the same charges. She is being held on a \$500,000 cash bond and was scheduled to be arraigned Friday, police said.

Florida police were notified of the boy's death on Oct. 22, after Godleski, the boy's father,

called police to say the boy had died in his sleep, Fox 35 Orlando reported.

Fox 35 reported police arrived at Godleski's home to find the boy in the laundry room with evidence of trauma. Police said it appeared the boy had been dead for a lengthy period of time.

Police then contacted Dubose, who was in Connecticut with her three children, and Dubose told police the boy was placed in the laundry room for "misbehaving" on Oct. 17 and was left there for several days, Fox 35 reported.

On Oct. 23, Palm Bay police contacted Connecticut State Police to ask them to conduct a well-being check on Dubose and her three children at a Mansfield residence, Connecticut police said.

After making contact with Dubose, it was disclosed that Godleski allegedly drove her and the three children to Connecticut and left them at a gas station before returning to Florida, Connecticut police said.

Godleski was arrested in Florida late Tuesday evening, Brevard County records show. Palm Bay police determined Dubose was involved in the incident, Connecticut police said.

Palm Bay police issued an arrest warrant Wednesday for Dubose on charges of aggravated manslaughter of a child and failure to report a death, a felony and a misdemeanor.

Connecticut State Police were granted an extradition warrant for Dubose on Thursday and arrested her at about 6 a.m. Friday, police said.

Sweet

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'Cake Wars,' 'Wedding Cake Championship,' 'Sugar Show-down,' 'Sugar Rush,' 'Winner Cake All,' " Nicole Braddock said. "We won three of them. They just keep calling."

The 4,000-square-foot Watertown shop and 700-square-foot Southington site sell cupcakes, cakes, cheesecakes, whoopie pies, cookies, cookie sandwiches, doughnuts, cake pops and brownies, premade and custom-made.

The custom cakes are eye-catching, some comically ghoulish, others low-key and stylish. A cluster of red flowers tops a jet-black three-tiered wedding cake. A royal blue cake has realistic pink roses and a cascade of gold. A cake designed to look like a log has elegant green foliage popping out.

The Braddocks — with chief baker Jolene Salisky, formerly of Sweet Spot in New Milford — have fun with silly subjects. A birthday cake shows Pennywise the clown with a balloon reading "Hello Joshie." Another birthday cake is topped by a witch who has fallen into a cauldron. A two-tier, Day-Glo green and purple Halloween cake pays homage to slasher movies.

That flair and willingness to "go there" got the couple through the early days of the coronavirus pandemic, when customers

canceled parties, withdrew cake orders and requested refunds.

"'Tiger King' had just become really popular," Jeremy Braddock said of the lurid Netflix series about a zoo owner's feud with an animal rescuer. "We made 'Tiger King' cupcakes and take-home cupcake kits."

The "Tiger King" cupcakes, some with hilariously salty language, sold in the thousands. The kits sold well, too. Now, themed cupcakes are a specialty. "We did 'Friends' cupcakes when they had the reunion. We've done Harry Potter. We're doing Tim Burton in November," Nicole Braddock said.

Their journey from food truck to star TV chefs wasn't without bumps in the road. They lost their house when money got tight and they decided to buy out their silent partners instead of paying the mortgage. They opened a location in the Buckland Hills Mall in Manchester. That didn't last. "The atmosphere was too corporate," Nicole Braddock said.

Now, in Factory Square, they are surrounded not by national chain stores but by small independent startups that fill the repurposed factory building with a funky, thrown-together ambience.

The surroundings suit them. Jeremy Braddock's music background shows in the merchandise the store sells — hats, shirts, buttons — and the pair's love of tattoos is seen in the store's logo. It was designed by Domi-

nic Piccirillo of Brass City Tattoo in Waterbury, in exchange for 20 bucks and a six-pack of cupcakes.

They have a new house now, in Watertown, where they live with their three kids and Nicole's mother, who helps with child care.

"We're very lucky to be making a living doing this. Everything we've done is trial and error," said Jeremy Braddock. "I used to be a fork lift driver. We didn't know this business. We just threw ourselves into it."

Despite their success, family is first with the Braddocks. They were asked to do another cooking show, that would have taken them away for several days. They said no.

"I want to be the football mom, the room parent. We missed out on a lot of that when we first started the business," Nicole Braddock said. "Now our staff gives us the wiggle room to balance out our life."

Jeremy Braddock still makes time for his music. His band, 100 Demons, next performs on Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. at Altone's Music Hall in Jewett City.

The new Hardcore Sweet location is at 169 Center St. in Southington, inside the Factory Square complex. Hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Closed Monday. To place orders, visit hardcoresweetbakery.com.

Susan Dunne can be reached at sdunne@courant.com.

Lawsuit

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ended up in court.

"Unfortunately we were unable to resolve this situation through the CHRO process over the course of the last year and a half, and as a result we are involved in pending litigation," Curtis wrote Friday. "Due to the fact this is a personnel matter the district is not able to comment publicly."

Milledge is represented by Cynthia Jennings, a civil rights attorney and Hartford councilwoman.

In the suit, Jennings argues the dispute has racist overtones, alleging "Simsbury High School ... was 'not ready' for a Black head coach."

The suit contends that amid talks about Milledge's career future, the principal "suggested to plaintiff in the March 4 meeting that maybe he should go back to Hartford High, a predominantly Black and Latino high school.

This was the equivalent of telling someone Black to go back to Africa."

Simsbury High School, where enrollment is 77 percent white, has 20 white head coaches, and none have been disciplined the way Milledge was, the suit claims.

The suit contends Milledge's problems began in February 2020, when a student "spit on him at a sporting event and poured water on him after spitting in it."

The suit claims the principal and athletic director did not take severe disciplinary action against the student. Milledge complained to police and said Neil Sullivan, the school's human resources director, became angry at him for doing that.

"Plaintiff believes that Mr. Sullivan retaliated against him for calling the police on the student who engaged in a dangerous, discriminatory, offensive, health-threatening assault," the suit contends. "Had the situation been reversed, complainant would certainly have

been terminated for his actions and criminally charged."

Police on Friday did not say what became of Milledge's complaint, but the suit says educators ultimately gave the student in-school suspension.

In February of 2020, the father of a female runner on the school's relay team complained that Milledge inappropriately touched her. Milledge contends the contact never happened and says the girl and her father were upset because Milledge wouldn't let her run three back-to-back relays at a state championship.

Milledge contends the school's athletic director confronted him about the accusation in front of students and then broadcast a message about the accusation that staff members overheard.

"This overt humiliation and attempt to stereotype plaintiff started because he would not allow a student to spit on him and disrespect him in front of hundreds of other students," the suit claims.

Lesser

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Lesser, who Hearst CT reported has filed paperwork indicating he is exploring a statewide run, is one of the Connecticut legislature's most prolific tweeters and frequently engages with Republican critics over social media. He went back and forth with top Republicans several times on Sunday, and accused Proto of having a double-standard when it comes to Nazi references.

"I've got to say it's all been a little rich for Ben Proto and his ilk to be claiming outrage for unspecified reasons at me when they have failed to say anything about [Republican U.S. Rep.] Marjorie Taylor Greene and Anne Dauphinais," Lesser said.

In fact, Proto did denounce Dauphinais, saying her comments denigrated the Holocaust and "cheapen[ed] one of the most horrific acts committed by mankind."

Lesser, who is Jewish and was the target of mailers widely viewed as anti-Semitic during the 2018 election cycle, said Republicans have embraced far-right nationalism.

"I don't understand their flirtation with nationalism, but if they're attempting to draw some sort of false equivalency with the grandson of a Holocaust survivor for a dumb tweet is a little hard to grasp. It's disturbing, and I think they need to do some soul-searching as a political party," Lesser said.

Lesser's tweet came after a group of people carrying tiki torches gathered at a campaign stop Friday in Charlottesville by Virginia Republican gubernatorial candidate Glenn Youngkin. The crowd aimed to evoke a 2017 rally, when hundreds of white supremacists descended on Charlottesville with tiki torches.

It turned out that the appearance had been orchestrated by the Lincoln Project, a group formed by Republicans disgruntled over the election of Donald Trump.

Lesser "was trying to prove that Glenn Youngkin is a Nazi sympathizer," Proto said. "Maybe you should keep your gun in your holster until you know who you are shooting at."

A spokesman for the Senate Democratic leadership had no comment Sunday about Lesser's tweet.

Exhibit

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And I can — maybe? — try to take you also."

In one of his colored pencil drawings, "A Giant Leap of Faith," Martinez goes to a shining city suspended in the sky, a man below looking up at it, as if wondering how to get there.

The show, up until Nov. 17 at the 52 N. Main St. art space, has drawings, paintings, collage, jewelry, sculpture, watercolors, photographs, poetry and music.

"The Healer," a composition written and performed by jazz pianist Noah Baerman, plays on the gallery speakers. Baerman has Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, a connective tissue disorder.

Baltimore photographer Currie Lee contributed moody portraits of herself, evoking a mood of mournful isolation. "She's fascinated by body and wardrobe. What you are wearing impacts how you react to the world," said Rich Hollant, who co-organized the exhibit with Kincy.

Currie's work hangs next to a video installation by Rebecca Wasilewski, who deals with her anxiety issues by creating abstract, flowing images that resemble the lives seen on microscope slides. She calls them "Chromatic Aberrations."

"Each Chromatic Aberrations film offers a distinct experience, pulling the audience into the present moment to induce a particular meditative or emotional state," Wasilewski writes.

Toby Carino creates pencil

"Stop underestimating people just because they have a disability. These artworks are brilliant. You just have to meet the artists where they are at."

— Kerry Kincy, exhibit curator

drawings of fantastical creatures. Henry Hardy's artwork "The Cool Kid Next Door" might be a self-portrait. The artist, who has autism, depicts a boy wearing an autism puzzle shirt and oversized sunglasses.

April Pilette and Edward Lent contributed poetry to the exhibit, Lent to deal with his multiple sclerosis, and Pilette with depression. One of Pilette's poems reads "In just a while the clouds will disappear. Once more I'll see a rainbow in the sky. Though now this world of mine is colored gray, the sun will shine upon me by and by."

Other artists in the show are Moe Armstrong, Kyle O'Neil, James Reagan, Faye Clegg, Kimberly Garland, Jennifer Staunton, Fiona Batson, Mari- anne Burkey, Donald Davis, Scott Danyliw and Hannah O'Regan. Some artists chose to submit work anonymously.

Exhibit hours are Tuesdays and Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. freecenter.us.

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NOW PLAYING Reviews of movies showing in theaters or streaming online

‘ANTLERS’: Filmmaker Scott Cooper makes his first foray into the horror genre with the creature feature “Antlers,” co-written with C. Henry Chaisson and Nick Antosca, and produced by monster maestro Guillermo del Toro. Adapted from a short story, “The Quiet Boy,” by Nick Antosca, the setting of “Antlers” has been moved from West Virginia to a foggy small town in Oregon. While the mythology and psychology remains frighteningly vague in Antosca’s story, in the film it’s made more explicit, to largely frustrating results. Our heroine is Julia (Keri Russell), who has returned home to Oregon to live with her brother, Paul (Jesse Plemons), the local sheriff, after the death of their abusive father. As a teacher at the local elementary school, she takes a special interest in one of her students, Lucas (Jeremy T. Thomas), a bullied boy who is seemingly suffering from neglect. Lucas writes terrifying fairy tales with accompanying illustrations, depicting the harrowing lives of Big Wolf, Middle Wolf and Little Wolf. Worried about his welfare, and especially interested in saving a kid from an abusive situation, Julia follows Lucas around town and visits his home looking for his father, Frank (Scott Haze), and younger brother. In poking around trying to save a vulnerable kid, she unwittingly unleashes an ancient evil, which had only been precariously kept at bay by young Lucas’ efforts. 1:39. 2 stars. — *Katie Walsh, Tribune news service*

‘DUNE’: On screen, Frank Herbert’s Baron Harkonnen-sized 1965 novel

“Dune” best suits a director operating in a pre-“Star Wars” mode of storytelling. The patient, densely embroidered narrative invests heavily in themes of environmental, ecological and colonialist exploitation. Earnest sentiments such as “When you take a life, you take your own” go against the grain of most successful Hollywood-financed science-fiction forays. Even in a post-“Star Wars” smash such as “Avatar,” still the biggest hit in the universe, the point — setting aside the anguish over genocidal imperialist conquerors — is how many enemies a noble warrior can kill under pressure, in a hurry, so that we feel good and (per “Star Wars”) wouldn’t mind putting quarters in the same game again right away. “Dune” defies all that. So does its latest screen adaptation, a lot of which I love. 2:35. 3 stars. Streaming on HBO Max. — *Michael Phillips, Chicago Tribune*

‘THE FRENCH DISPATCH’: The great Hollywood film composer David Raksin said it: “None of my music should ever be played for the first time, since it only confuses people.” I’ve read several colleagues (who traveled the festival circuit earlier this year) say something similar about Wes Anderson’s new film, “The French Dispatch” — that it doesn’t benefit from a second viewing, it requires one, so elaborate is its visual construction and production detail. That’s another way of saying there’s a lot going on, and you won’t catch it all the first time. But in his fastidious, exacting, extraordinarily blinkered creation, writer-director Anderson this time has driven straight into a cul-de-sac,

stranding every sort of good and great actor in the cinematic equivalent of a design meeting. 1:48. 2 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

‘HALLOWEEN KILLS’: O Haddonfield! My Haddonfield! Why, in the name of fictitious Illinois towns, have you resorted to hapless mob violence, like the pitchfork crowd in “Frankenstein” or the January Sixers that came along after “Halloween Kills” was filmed? And why is “Halloween Kills” such a drag, as well as a clear step down from director and co-writer David Gordon Green’s 2018 “Halloween” reboot? Three years ago, that reboot made for a pretty good, hugely profitable reminder that Jamie Lee Curtis can open a movie, and serial killer Michael Meyers can still clog up a small town’s drainage system with the blood of his victims. The movie served as a solid showcase for Curtis, and it delivered in its climax, even if wobbled some en route. The new film’s a comparative mess — jaded, structurally awkward and overpacked. 1:46. 1½ stars. Streaming on Peacock. — *Michael Phillips*

‘THE HARDER THEY FALL’: “I’m lightning with the blam-blams,” brags the quick-draw ace played by RJ Cyler in the violent, jokey, starry Western “The Harder They Fall.” The ace’s name is Jim Beckwourth, based on a real 19th-century figure, as are many of the outlaws populating British co-writer, director and musician Jeymes Samuel’s larkish bloodbath. The scale, the tone and the splatter go great with Samuel’s soundtrack. It’s loaded with dubstep, reggae,

Ennio Morricone-adjacent orchestral swells and artists such as Jay-Z, who also co-produced. (Samuel goes by The Bullitts in the music half of his career.) For all the mashups and mayhem, there’s a hint of scrambled reality in the film, with a half-century’s worth of Black figures corralled into the same time period and the same narrative for imagination’s sake. In the words of the film’s opening titles: “These. People. Existed.” 2:10. 3 stars. Streaming on Netflix Nov. 3. — *Michael Phillips*

‘LAST NIGHT IN SOHO’: Nostalgia can offer history a brighter, more exciting and decidedly rose-colored sheen. This is the question filmmaker Edgar Wright and co-writer Krysty Wilson-Cairns pick up in “Last Night in Soho,” a neon-drenched, blood-soaked trip through the swinging ’60s of Soho, London, as experienced through modern eyes. In this giallo-inspired psychological slasher film, Wright and Wilson-Cairns explore the psychic connection between the past and present, investigating the spirits that haunt the spaces we occupy. It’s a colorful, hallucinatory throwback, and a wild ride through the mind. 1:56. 3 stars. — *Katie Walsh*

‘NO TIME TO DIE’: As Robert Graves wrote when he was ridding himself of stultifying English conventions, a generation before Sir Ian Fleming created James Bond: Goodbye to all that. Watching the final Daniel Craig iteration of 007 settle his affairs and get right with his emotions in “No Time to Die,” the most plainly divided of all the Bond movies — nostalgic-



Anya Taylor-Joy and Matt Smith in “Last Night in Soho.” PARISA TAGHIZADEH/FOCUS FEATURES

retro, depressive-ashen, frisky-joke, apocalyptic-sentimental — one can’t help but think a dozen hyphenated things at once. Let’s start with: Good-great job, Mr. Craig. As bittersweet farewells go, this one’s quite good. 2:43. 3 stars. — *Michael Phillips*

‘PASSING’: The closing shot of “Passing,” Rebecca Hall’s sleek and transfixing adaptation of Nella Larsen’s 1929 novel, peers down from a great height at a courtyard on a cold December night, a vision partially obscured by falling snow and set to the graceful tinkling of piano chords. The image has a hushed, frozen-in-time loveliness that feels faintly unreal. You almost expect the camera to pull back and reveal that this piercingly sad story has been unfolding inside a snow globe, trapping its characters in exquisite clothes, repetitive motions and the slow-shifting mores of a society that has left them scant room to breathe. That society is

1920s New York, a world that Larsen rendered in deft, economical strokes but which emerges here in a blur of cloche hats and flapper dresses, and also in the blasts of jazz and snatches of gossip swirling around a crowded dance floor. Against this backdrop, Irene Redfield (Tessa Thompson) and her doctor husband, Brian (Andre Holland), are the very picture of Black upper-middle-class propriety. They have two young sons, a stately Harlem brownstone and a stable marriage, though not too stable to be knocked off-balance by Clare Bellew (Ruth Negga), an old friend whose sudden reappearance in Irene’s life dredges up long-hidden anxieties and closely guarded secrets. 1:38. Not ranked. Streaming on Netflix Nov. 10. — *Justin Chang, Los Angeles Times*

RATINGS: The movies listed are rated according to the following key: 4 stars, excellent; 3 stars, good; 2 stars, fair; 1 star, poor.

CELEBRITIES

Margulies facing character backlash

From news services

Julianna Margulies is not backing down about playing a lesbian with her latest role. The Emmy Award-winning actor responded to the growing backlash about her portraying out gay anchor Laura Peterson on the Apple TV+ series “The Morning Show.” She doubled down on her recent remarks about actors being able to play roles that may not be aligned with the personal lives — but this time with a caveat. When asked if straight-identified actors should be allowed to play LGBTQ+ characters, “The Good Wife” star said, “My response also would be we’re all making assumptions as to who I am and what my past is and what all of our pasts are. I am an actress, and I am supposed to embody another character. Whatever their sexuality is doesn’t matter to me.” During the “CBS Mornings” interview, the 55-year-old actor said she wanted to play the character because they shared similar personalities, ambitions and experiences, and warned that if a character’s sexuality is the only trait that determines which actors portrays them, that could open a Pandora’s box regarding casting for roles. “Are you telling me that because I’m a mother I can never play a woman who’s never had a child? Or if you’ve never been married that you can’t play a married woman?” she asked. “We’re actors, we’re supposed to embody a character regardless of their sexuality.” But there is one line Margulies believes should never be crossed — playing characters that are of a different race or gender. “That’s a whole different story and I 100% agree with that,” she said.



Actor Julianna Margulies, who is seen Sept. 8, plays an out gay anchor on “The Morning Show.” JORDAN STRAUSS/INVISION

Hamm to star in animated comedy: Jon Hamm will voice the lead character of the new Fox animated comedy series “Grimsburg.” The series, which is slated to debut in 2023, will see Hamm play Marvin Flute, a great detective who hasn’t cracked the mystery of his family. “I am very excited to be involved in the Fox animation universe,” Hamm said. “A universe I have been actively watching since the early nineties. The opportunity to get to bring a project like ‘Grimsburg’ to life that is so particular and unique and to work with its incredibly imaginative and hilarious creators is one I can’t wait to get started with.” Hamm is best known for the Emmy-winning role of Don Draper on the AMC series “Mad Men.”

Cumberbatch to play Litvinenko: Benedict Cumberbatch is set to star in the limited series

“Londongrad” in development at HBO. Based on the book “The Terminal Spy” by Alan Cowell, the series tells the true story of Alexander Litvinenko, the KGB agent and later defector killed by poisoning with the radioactive isotope polonium-210 in 2006 in England. Cumberbatch will star as Litvinenko and also serve as an executive producer. The actor has held multiple highly-regarded TV roles, including as detective Sherlock Holmes in the BBC series “Sherlock.”

Nov. 1 birthdays: Actor Barbara Bosson is 82. Actor Jeannie Berlin is 72. Musician David Foster is 72. Actor Belita Moreno is 72. Singer Lyle Lovett is 64. Singer Anthony Kiedis is 59. Rapper Willie D is 55. Actor Toni Collette is 49. TV personality Jenny McCarthy is 49. Actor Natalia Tena is 37. Actor Penn Badgley is 35.



ASK AMY

By Amy Dickinson
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This mom has one bestie – her daughter

Dear Amy: My mom and I are best friends. My parents had a true story-book romance. They met as children and were married for 32 years until my dad was quickly taken from our lives by cancer, when he was only 60 years old — 20 years ago. My mom has been literally heartbroken since then. She longs for fun and to meet people but can’t get out to do it. I have tried everything — classes, moving to different towns in hopes of finding a close and fun community, moving her into an elder community, getting a volunteer job, trying a paid job, going to church ... you name it, I have tried it. I know I can’t make her do things, but she continually tells me she would “do anything to meet a nice man and have some friends.” Her father was very hard on her, and she has no self-confidence because of him. She is a very young 76, and loves to have fun, laugh and do things with people. But her life for the last 20 years has been very lonely and quiet. I know she needs to do things for herself, but she doesn’t use the computer, and I try to at least find possibilities that might open up some social life for her, and to find some friends. I am hoping that you may offer some new ideas. — *Frustrated and Sad Daughter*

Dear Frustrated: You are your mother’s best friend. It is possible that if the two of you had allowed one another to differentiate so that you could be

her daughter instead of her best (and only) friend, she might have developed some of the skills and tools to relate to people more on her own. You have made all of these efforts on her behalf and have even written to me for more ideas for things you could do for her. I hope you see where I’m going with this. She needs help from someone other than you, and she deserves the empowered feeling of discovery when she makes efforts on her own. You deserve to move forward with a relationship with her that isn’t defined solely by her needs. The next time she expresses her dissatisfaction, tell her that you’re out of ideas. Does she have any ideas? Ask: Are there things she (not you) could do differently to change the outcome? She would benefit from compassionate therapy. And also — because you’ve got me doing this now — an elder hostel experience might be enriching and empowering for her. Check Roadscholar.org for programs.

Dear Amy: I have been estranged from my mother and siblings for several years. My brother is clinically a sociopath, and my mother has spent her life defending all of his hurtful behavior. For example, I was in the hospital. When my brother heard that I was ill, he responded with “Good, I hope she dies!” My mother just laughed! Amy, I have many serious health issues and recently found out that I have cancer.

I feel like I should try to contact my family to let them know. I know it’s important to share family medical history, and both of my siblings have young children. To be perfectly clear: I do not want a relationship with them. They have hurt me too many times throughout the years. Should I try to contact them? — *New Cancer Fighter in PA*

Dear Cancer Fighter: You should ask your medical team for guidance about this, but I don’t believe that you are ethically required to contact your family members. If you do, you might want to set up a separate email account from which to email them. That way, you can read — or not read — any responses that might come in. Keep your statement short and factual. Say, “I’m fighting this illness and hope to do well.”

Dear Amy: “Second Guessing my Silence” wondered whether to tell the teenager sitting in front of her in church that the girl had lice nits in her hair. You should have told her to speak with the priest about it. He could meet with the family privately. — *Upset*

Dear Upset: “Second Guessing” was too shy to tap this girl on the shoulder. I can’t imagine her having the moxie to tell the priest.

Conspiracy theories backdrop to explore characters in ‘Inside Job’

By Tracy Brown
Los Angeles Times

In “Inside Job,” certain celebrities and politicians are revealed to be members of a race of shape-shifting lizard people that secretly live alongside humans. These reptoids help fund the work of the shadow government, which in turn ensures that the Earth stays at their preferred climate.

That’s just one of the routine conspiracies being handled by Cognito Inc., a “company” enacting the will of a shadowy cabal of ancient elites who control the world.

Created by first-time showrunner Shion Takeuchi, Netflix’s latest adult animated series shows that even those coordinating cover-ups and surveilling the masses can’t escape workplace mishaps and drama.

At the center of the show is Reagan Ridley (voiced by Lizzy Caplan), a brilliant but dysfunctional scientist who is ill-equipped to handle standard social niceties. As the series begins, Reagan is anticipating a promotion that would put her in charge at Cognito Inc. — though things don’t turn out exactly as she hopes.

“The show is about Reagan’s personal journey,” Takeuchi said. “The idea of someone who is extremely logical and pragmatic and working in a really cynical company that is the deep state, and still wanting to make the world a better place is an interesting irony.

“She is a character that doesn’t sound, talk, look or act very much like a leader. I wanted to see, how does one become a leader in those instances?”

Despite the ways that once-fringe theories have increasingly spread into



Reagan Ridley, voiced by Lizzy Caplan, in “Inside Job.” **NETFLIX**

the mainstream in recent years, “Inside Job’s” timely arrival is more of a coincidence. The long production timeline involved in animation meant Takeuchi was developing the core concepts of the show before debunking conspiracies became a routine necessity of the news cycle.

“I didn’t love it,” Takeuchi said of watching conspiracy theories becoming more prevalent. “It’s been a wild ride watching all this stuff unfold. I’m having the same experience as anyone else. But I guess it’s confirmation that we’ve all been feeling kind of similar things in the zeitgeist.”

“To be clear, I don’t actually think there is a shadow government,” said Takeuchi, whose previous credits include writing on the series “Gravity Falls” and “Disenchantment.” “I just want people to know where I stand on that one.”

From Bigfoot to the moon landing, most of the conspiracy theories “Inside Job” touches on are familiar classics. Takeuchi describes the process of figuring out what conspiracy theory works with what story as an “intricate dance.” Researching for the show’s episodes involved reading up on conspiracy theories

because it’s impossible to tell which ones will fit with which story.

The characters revolving around Reagan include Brett Hand (Clark Duke), her traditionally attractive and mildly competent colleague who is all heart, as well as her alcoholic father, Rand Ridley (Christian Slater), a brilliant scientist who lacks sensitivity or self-awareness.

Rand “is like the dark future that (Reagan) has if she doesn’t learn some of the emotional skills that Brett has,” said Takeuchi. “That’s what makes the core trio interesting for me.”

As much as the show is about Reagan’s missions with her team, many of the stories also involve Reagan having to deal with her (recently divorced) parents and her relationship with them. “Inside Job” allows audiences to laugh at conspiracy theories again. But as fun as they are, ultimately they just provide a backdrop to explore the characters and how they navigate the world.

“I use comedy as a way to work through difficult emotions,” Takeuchi said. “A lot of what’s happening in the world right now is scary stuff. Hopefully, through the show, we can work through it together.”

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Many benefits can be found in an experts experience today, provided you set aside your ego. Don’t be too proud to ask questions and take notes when working as part of a team or studying something new — your efforts could produce something that gets praise.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You may want to explore the limits of your professional potential right now, as the idea of a project that’s beyond the scope of your regular duties could seem like it will pay off handsomely. Don’t hesitate to try your hand at an unfamiliar task or a new client. You might want to apply in other industries.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): There’s never been a better time to gain mastery over a subject that’s always fascinated you. No matter what topic you want to dive into, you could learn a lot right now and have fun in the process. Honing your skills could even lead to an exciting travel opportunity!

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Expressing your feelings can pave the way to richer, more satisfying relationships with your loved ones. In the past, you may have been taken to task for being too emotional. Today, though, you might discover that someone really appreciates your depth of feeling.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): People around you could find your creative ideas and rich imagination utterly charming at the moment, and it might feel quite satisfying to have such a receptive audience for your antics. The warmth, humor, and curiosity that you have are all strong lures.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Finding new ways to make money may be a good option today. Look for flexible positions or paid projects. You might even be able to find one where you can work remotely, allowing you to improve your finances from anywhere in the world. A fresh opportunity could also resolve some grievances.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your fantastic ideas may finally get the appreciation they deserve. Today, take any opportunity to make a sales pitch or reach out to someone you haven’t spoken to in a while. You could be pleasantly surprised by the applause you receive for even a whimsical notion.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Believing in yourself could help you move mountains. You may be particularly interested in efforts that involve beautifying your surroundings or strengthening a community of yours. This is not the time to question your impulses — instead, let the results speak for themselves.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A reunion with a kindred spirit could refresh your mind and heart right now. It can feel so good to touch base with somebody who knows a part of you that you may have been keeping hidden. Connecting with someone like this might help rediscover a shared interest.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Finding a way to make money by doing something you love is a priority. Instead of letting onlookers question your abilities, seek out those who will support you in the way you deserve. Don’t be afraid to approach opportunities that seem out of your league; there’s no telling what you can do.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Connecting with others who admire and appreciate your instincts can be particularly gratifying today, so any chance to put your knowledge on display should be welcomed with open arms. Even if you don’t relish speaking in front of others, you will enjoy this in the end.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): A close conversation today could send shivers down your spine. You might discover that a peer you admire feels the same appreciation for you, and together, you can explore dark realms and dive into deep waters that others are too afraid to venture into. Embrace the chance.

TODAY IN HISTORY

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On Nov. 1, 1478, the Spanish Inquisition was established.

In 1765, the Stamp Act went into effect, prompting stiff resistance from American colonists.

In 1936, in a speech, Benito Mussolini described the alliance between his country and Nazi Germany as an “axis” running between Rome and Berlin.

In 1952, the United States exploded the first hydrogen bomb in the Marshall Islands.

In 1989, East Germany reopened its border with Czechoslovakia.

In 1991, Clarence Thomas took his place as the newest justice on the Supreme Court.

In 2015, the Kansas City Royals won their first World Series since 1985.

In 2020, the Texas Supreme Court denied a Republican-led petition to toss nearly 127,000 ballots cast at drive-thru voting places in the Houston area.

FACT #341

The folks who brought us Reddi-wip whipped cream had another brainstorm in the 1960s: Reddi-Bacon.

FACT #84
A cardigan worn by a man is sometimes called a mandigan.

FACT #147
When someone uses chitchat, noises, or mannerisms to distract or mislead an opponent during poker or another game, it’s called “coffeehousing.”

FACT #178
Genuphobia is the fear of knees.

FACT #238
Actress Marilyn Monroe colored her hair using a shade of blond called dirty pillow slip.

FACT #279
Before Sir Thomas More was beheaded in 1535, he moved his lengthy beard aside, saying it “had never committed any treason.”

FACT #302
Tweety Bird, the animated Looney Tunes character, was originally pink. But censors complained that Tweety looked naked, so animators gave the bird yellow feathers.

FACT #408
Joe Charbonneau, a Belvedere, Ill., native, who played outfield for the Cleveland Indians in the early ‘80s , used to open beer bottles with his eye socket and drink beer through a straw in his nose.

FACT #459
When actor Clint Eastwood ran for mayor of Carmel, California, in 1986, a major issue was ice cream. Town leaders had banned the sale of ice cream cones, incensing Eastwood and his supporters. They won and overturned the ordinance.

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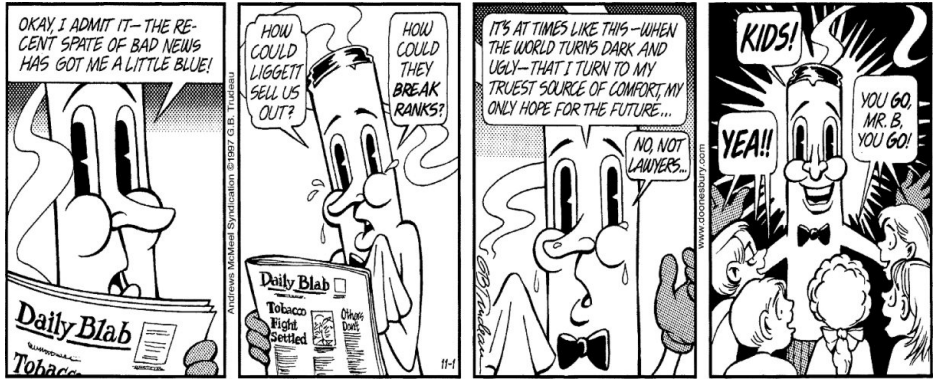
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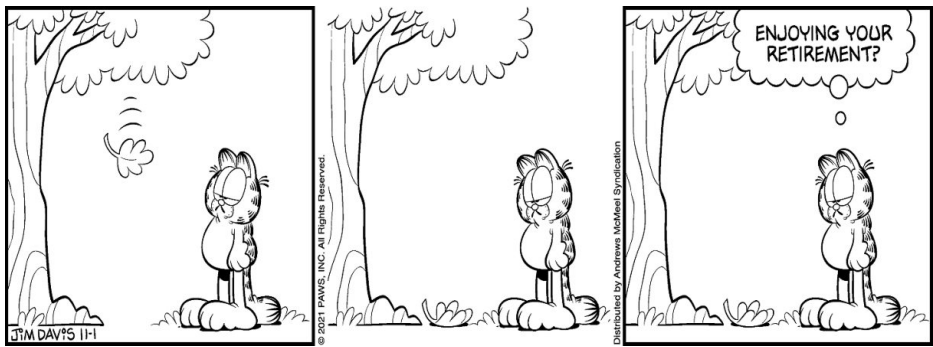
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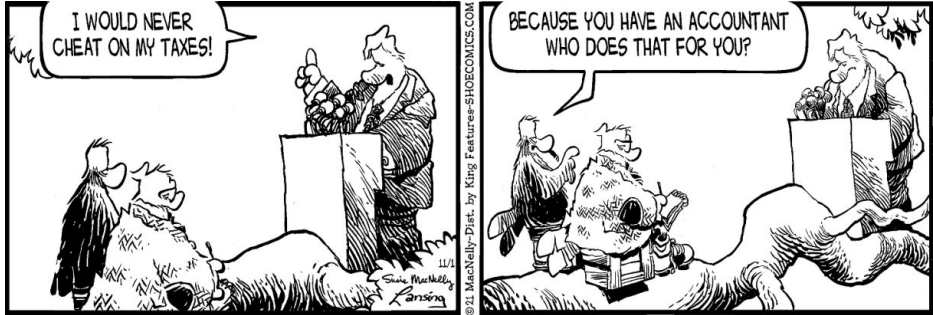
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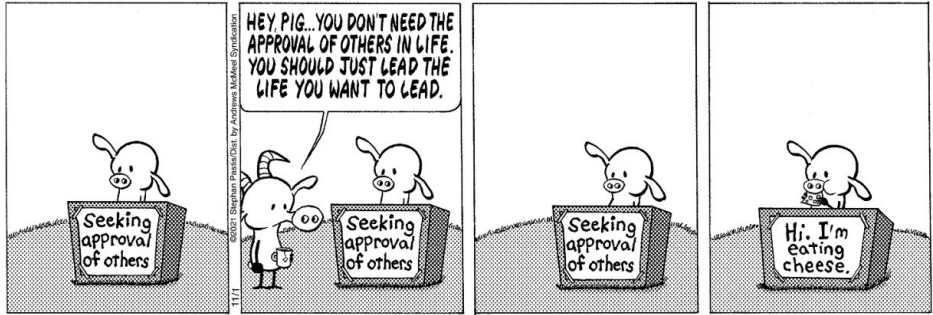
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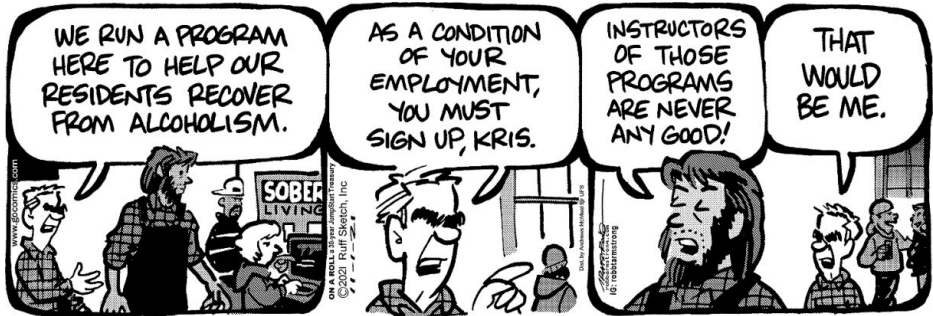
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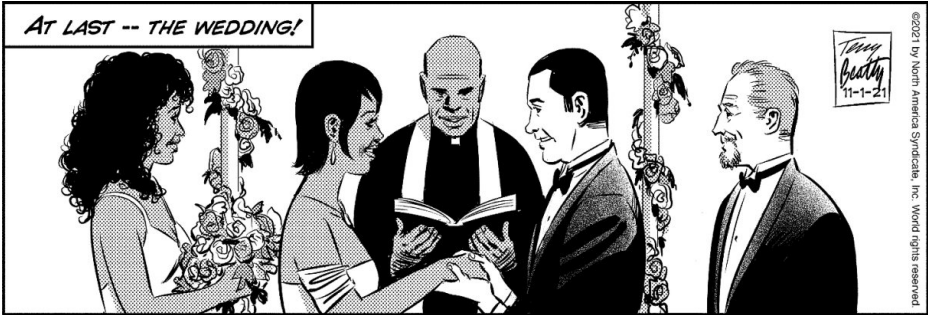
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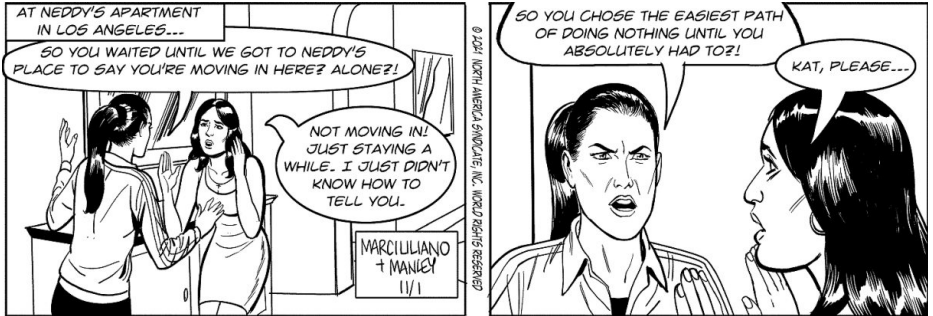
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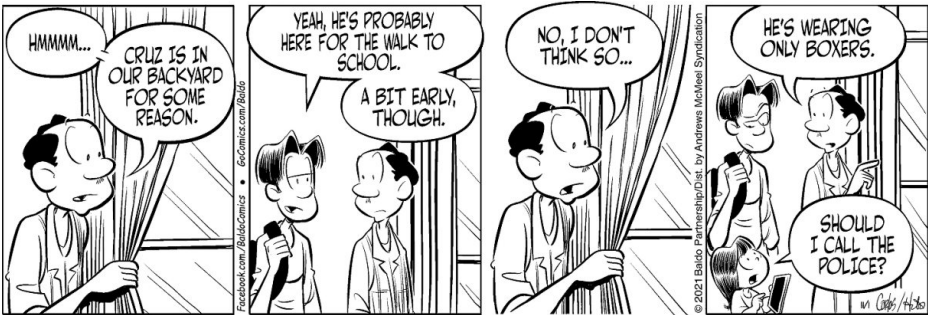
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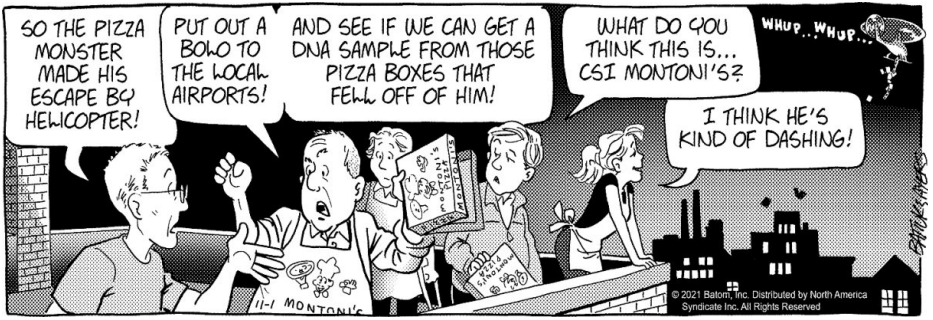
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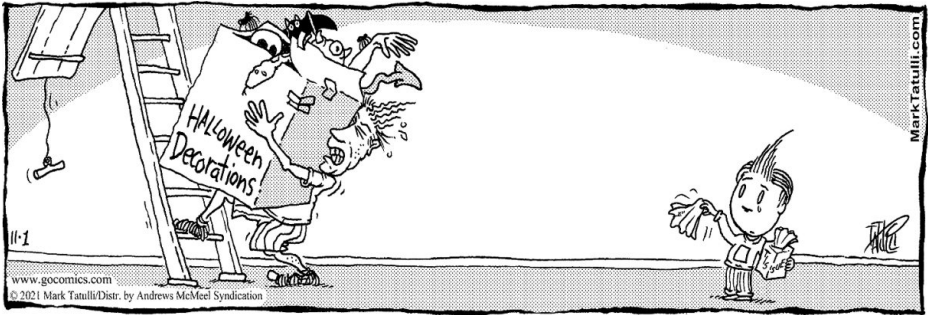
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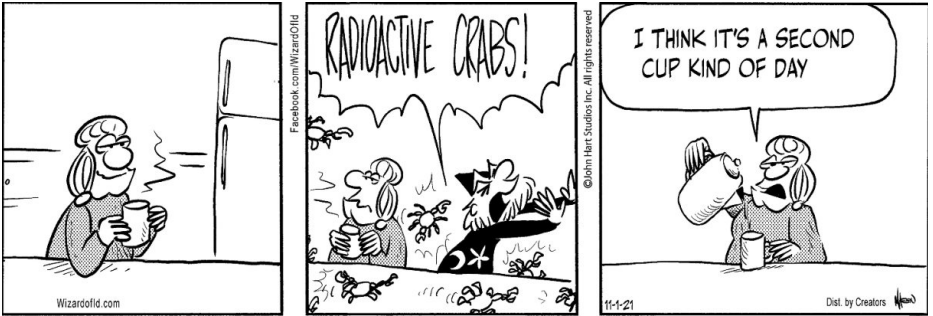
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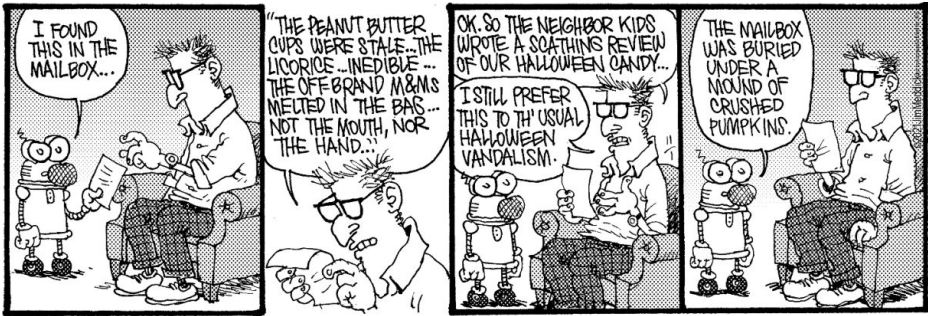
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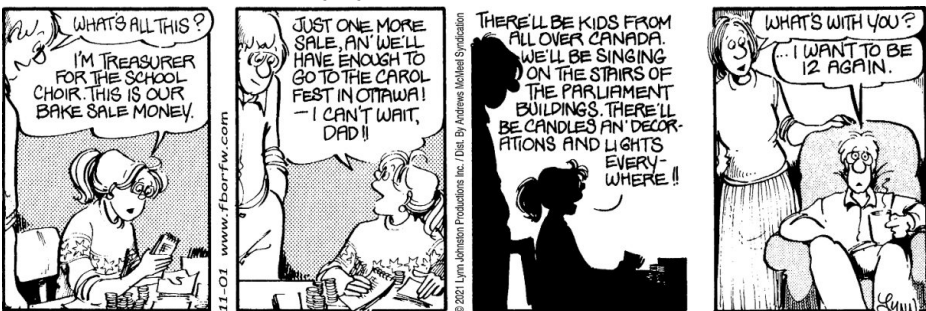
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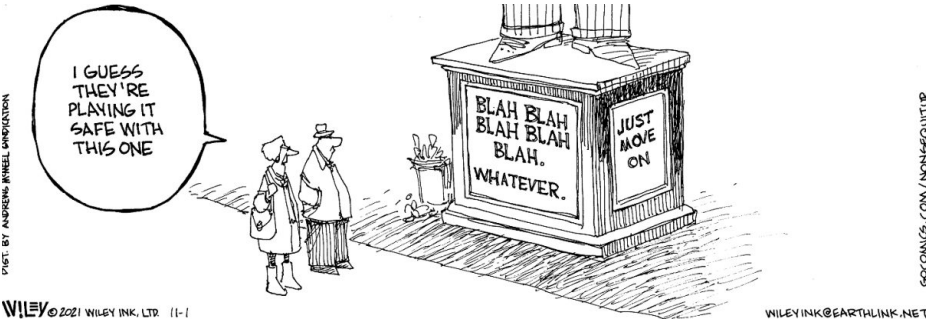
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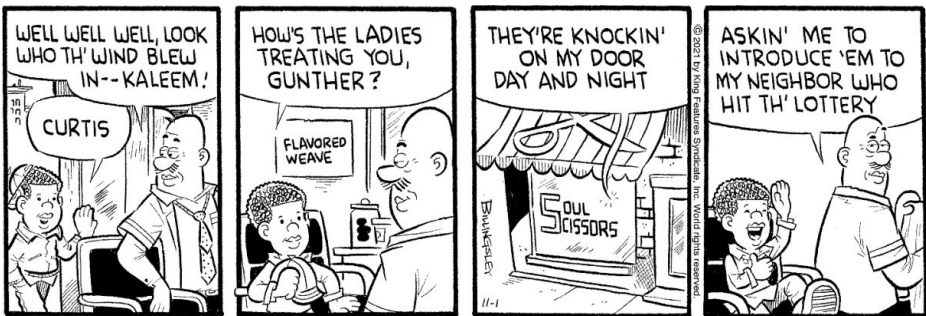
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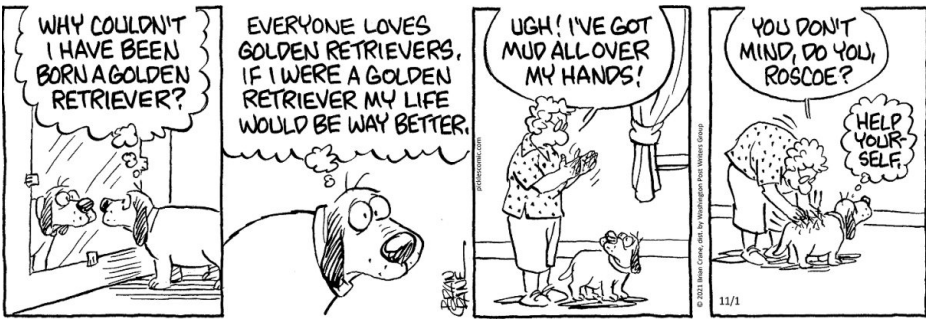
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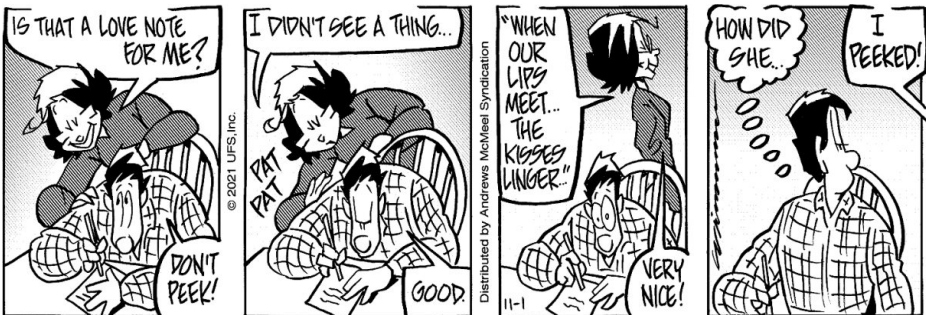
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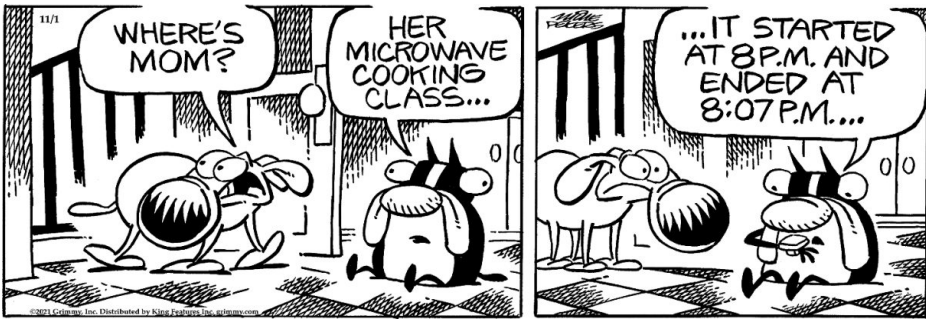
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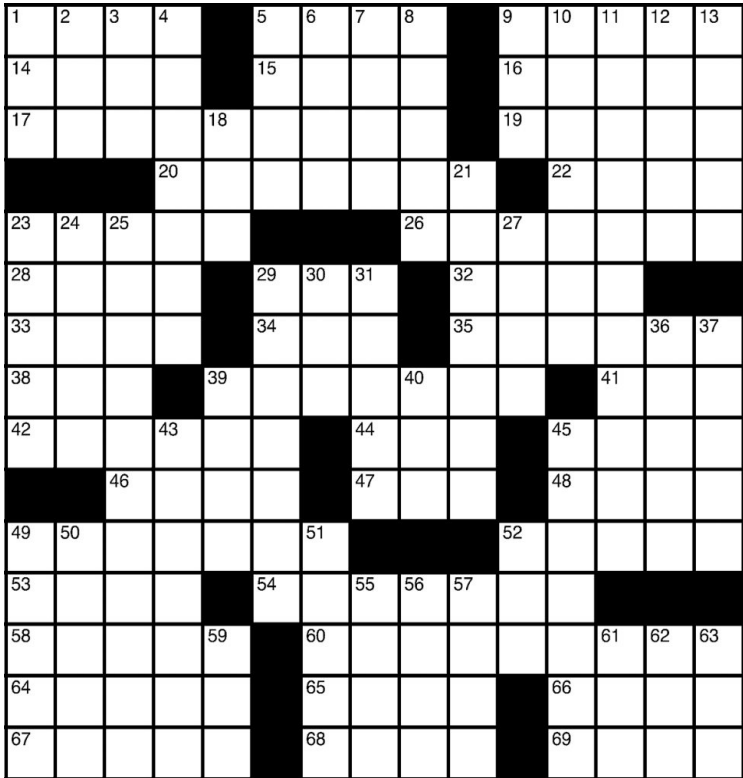
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CROSSWORD

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- Across**
- 1 Kid around with
 - 5 Wind with two reeds
 - 9 Young fellow, in Ireland
 - 14 Square footage, say
 - 15 Mama's mate
 - 16 Rapper Ice Cube's first name
 - 17 *Trendy terms
 - 19 Cardinals and Orioles
 - 20 Runs in, cop-style
 - 22 Ready for picking
 - 23 Passage in a personal journal
 - 26 Runs at full speed
 - 28 College courtyard
 - 29 Guerrilla Guevara
 - 32 Curtain holders
 - 33 Cities, informally
 - 34 "(Marie's the Name) Latest Flame": Elvis hit
 - 35 Dutch beer brand
 - 38 Silent communication syst.
 - 39 Vacillates ... or what you can do when you look at the starts of the answers to starred clues?
 - 41 Mine find
 - 42 Eyed lecherously
 - 44 Rose of Guns N' Roses
 - 45 Not kosher
 - 46 Elevated on a peg, as a golf ball
 - 47 Hoped-for response
- Down**
- 1 Boxer's quick punch
 - 2 Christian sch. in Tulsa
 - 3 States, slangily
 - 4 Ventures, as a guess
 - 5 Skunk's defense
 - 6 Naked
 - 7 Betting ratios
 - 8 Divisions for the Yanks and Mets
 - 9 Automated spam sender
 - 10 Log-in needs
 - 11 *Mall anchors
 - 12 Well-groomed
 - 13 Desert havens
 - 18 Dryly humorous
 - 21 Spreads out one's arms and legs
 - 23 Math sign
 - 24 Hospital worker
 - 25 *Game with paddles
 - 27 CD-__: data holders
 - 29 Cracker cheese
 - 30 Rush, old-style
 - 31 Op-ed piece, e.g.
 - 36 Upright
 - 37 Southpaw
 - 39 Search for
 - 40 Chopping tool
 - 43 Get the rest of the soap out of
 - 45 Tidal wave cousin
 - 49 Theater feature
 - 50 Radiates
 - 51 Potato or yam
 - 52 Uncooked
 - 55 _Lee: dessert brand
 - 56 Sulky state
 - 57 "Good thinking!" thought
 - 59 Yang's partner
 - 61 Wander (about)
 - 62 Kitchen tool brand
 - 63 Naught



By Susan Gelfand Tribune Content Agency 11/1/21

BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

- ♠ A 3 2
- ♥ A K 10 8 5 2
- ♦ Q 4
- ♣ J 7

WEST

- ♠ J 9
- ♥ Q 6
- ♦ 10 8 5
- ♣ A K 9 6 5 3

EAST

- ♠ 7 6 4
- ♥ 7 4 3
- ♦ J 7 3
- ♣ Q 10 8 2

SOUTH

- ♠ K Q 10 8 5
- ♥ J 9
- ♦ A K 9 6 2
- ♣ 4

Final contract: six spades.

Famous hand

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
[S] A 3 2
[H] A K 10 8 5 2
[D] Q 4
[C] J 7

WEST
[S] J 9
[H] Q 6
[D] 10 8 5
[C] A K 9 6 5 3

EAST
[S] 7 6 4
[H] 7 4 3
[D] J 7 3
[C] Q 10 8 2

SOUTH
[S] K Q 10 8 5
[H] J 9
[D] A K 9 6 2
[C] 4

Final contract: six spades.

Today's deal features another in the seemingly endless stream of spectacular triumphs for Zia Mahmood, who has provided reams of material for bridge columnists since he first appeared on the international bridge scene about 40 years ago.

The deal occurred in the 2001 Cap Gemini Pairs, an elite invitational pair tournament held annually in the Hague. Zia and his partner, Andrew Robson, won the event for the second straight year.

The bidding of the Polish pair who held the North-South cards is not available. All that matters is that they reached the excellent slam

in spades, and Zia, West, led the A-K of clubs.

Looking at all four hands, you might wonder how the Polish declarer — a member of the team that finished second in the 2000 World Team Olympiad — failed to make six spades. The diamonds are divided 3-3, the trumps are 3-2, and the heart queen is doubleton outside. But with Zia at the table, anything is possible.

South, of course, could not see how favorably the cards lay. His primary concern was what to do if the trumps broke 4-1 or the diamonds 4-2, with the heart queen offside. So, keeping his options open after ruffing the second club, he cashed the king of spades.

Declarer would no doubt have gotten home safely had Zia followed to this trick with the nine, but instead, Zia dropped the jack! This diabolical falsecard had the desired effect of steering South away from the winning line of play. Assuming the jack was a legitimate singleton, declarer could now "assure" 12 tricks even if the spades were 4-1 and the diamonds 4-2. Accordingly, he cashed the Q-A of diamonds and ruffed a low diamond with the ace of spades. He then led a spade to the eight — finessing against East's "marked" nine — and prepared to claim. But when Zia unexpectedly produced the nine of spades, the seemingly unbeatable slam went down one!

Tomorrow: Too many cooks spoil the broth.

JUMBLE

BY DAVID HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CABKA

TYEPT

SSUHAQ

GFRUIE

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Ans. here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: ADAGE HARSH EXCEED RADIUS

Answer: Her instructions for putting up the store's signs for the sale included - ADHERE AD HERE

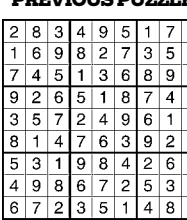


TODAY'S SUDOKU



Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



ANSWER TO PREVIOUS CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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SPORTS

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WORLD SERIES GAME 5

Take a swing at something new

Pitchers batting could be coming to an end as universal DH is next

By Ben Walker
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Grinning the whole time, Zack Greinke slipped into his Astros warmup jacket, joked with Freddie Freeman and got a friendly pat from Atlanta’s star first baseman.

Who doesn’t like to see a pitcher get a hit?

Enjoy those fun moments while

Online
Game 5 wasn’t over in time for this edition. For result and game story, go to courant.com/sports

you can, fans, because after Game 5 of the World Series, they could become almost extinct.

There’s a good chance Major League Baseball will bring the designated hitter to the National League next year — likely forever. That means Sunday night’s game at Truist Park might have marked the

Turn to Pitchers, Page 4



Astros starting pitcher Zack Greinke hits a single in the second inning of Game 4 on Saturday night. This World Series might spell the end of pitchers batting. **DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP**

JERRY REMY 1952-2021

Longtime Red Sox announcer dies at 68

New England icon was an inspiration during lengthy cancer battle

By Steve Hewitt
Boston Herald

BOSTON — Jerry Remy, a Red Sox icon on and off the field and in the broadcast booth, beloved across New England and an inspiration to so many throughout a lengthy battle with cancer, died on Saturday night. He was 68.

Remy became synonymous with Red Sox baseball as a playing career turned into a legendary run of more than three decades as a color commentator for games on NESN. He fought against lung

cancer after being first diagnosed in 2008, and he had stepped away from the NESN booth in August as he underwent treatment again.

The sad news of Remy’s death was felt immediately throughout the Red Sox community and beyond. Born in Fall River, Mass., Remy attended Somerset High School and Roger Williams University before playing seven seasons with his hometown Red Sox. He was a fan favorite as a player who became beloved as a broadcaster, a one-of-a-kind figure and the voice of a generation, truly one of Boston’s own.

“He was always there for us,” Red Sox manager Alex Cora

Turn to Remy, Page 4



Patriots safety Adrian Phillips celebrates after intercepting a pass and running it back for a touchdown to put the Patriots ahead late in Sunday’s game against the Chargers in Inglewood, Calif. **JOHN MCCOY/AP**

PATRIOTS 27, CHARGERS 24

Phillips pick-six propels Patriots past Chargers

Quarterbacks Jones, Herbert both deliver poor performances

By Joe Reedy
Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Adrian Phillips intercepted two passes, returning one for the go-ahead touchdown against his former team, Nick Folk kicked four field goals, and the New England Patriots rallied for a 27-24 victory over the Los Angeles Chargers on Sunday.

It was the first multi-interception game for Phillips, who played six seasons for the Chargers (2014-19) before signing with the Patriots last year.

With 10:20 remaining in the fourth quarter, he picked off a pass intended for Jared Cook, who was not on the same page as Justin Herbert, and returned it 26 yards to put the Patriots back in front.

Rookie Mac Jones then connected with Jakobi Meyers on the 2-point conversion to give New England a seven-point advantage.

Folk, who has three games this season with four field goals, split the uprights from 30 yards with 2:21 remaining to put the Patriots up by double digits.

Joshua Palmer brought the Chargers within a field goal with 40 seconds remaining when he hauled in a 24-yard strike from Herbert for his first NFL touchdown. Former Chargers tight end Hunter Henry recovered the ensuing onside kick for the Patriots.

New England (4-4) started the season 1-3 but has won two straight and three of its last four. Los Angeles (4-3) has dropped two straight.

Damien Harris, looking for his third straight 100-yard rushing game, had 23 carries for 80 yards.

Jones, who has completed 70.4% of his passes in his first

seven games, had one of his worst performances, completing 18 of 35 passes for 218 yards.

It was an equally bad game for Herbert, who was 18 of 35 for 223 yards with two touchdown and two interceptions.

Austin Ekeler had 124 scrimmage yards (64 rushing, 60 receiving).

The Chargers scored touchdowns on two of their first three possessions to take a 14-7 lead. Los Angeles scored on its opening drive for the third time this season as Ekeler went 5 yards up the middle.

New England responded with its fourth TD on an opening possession when Harris scored on a 1-yard carry off left guard.

Los Angeles grabbed a 14-7 advantage early in the second quarter when Herbert connected with Keenan Allen for a 5-yard TD. New England would cut the margin to one at halftime on a pair of field goals by Folk.

Herbert is in a rough patch for really the first time in his ascendant NFL career.

Back-to-back East Coast opponents with cagey veteran coaching staffs put him there.

The Chargers’ gifted second-year quarterback had a Halloween nightmare against Bill Belichick’s Patriots defense.

Herbert was on his way to a career-low in yards passing and completion percentage before he threw for 80 yards on the Chargers’ desperate, last-minute scoring drive. It happened too late for Los Angeles to avoid its first losing skid under coach Brandon Staley.

“Offensively, it was a tough day out there,” Herbert said. “You can’t turn the ball over that many times and expect to win. ... There are a lot of things we need to fix, for sure.”

Herbert also wasn’t sharp two weeks ago before the Chargers’

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HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Weaver emerges as league contender

By Lori Riley
Hartford Courant

HARTFORD — The last time the Weaver volleyball team had a winning season was 1982. The Beavers last made it to the state tournament in 1995.

After going through a drawn-out school renovation that displaced students, the lack of a regulation-size home court and a change in conferences, the Beavers are winning.

They are 12-7 after their biggest victory of the season, 3-2 over Civic Leadership on Wednesday night, avenging a 3-0 Weaver loss on Sept. 29.

“Huge win for us tonight, so proud of the girls,” Weaver coach Matt Fuller said in an email. “They played like they have complete confidence in themselves and complete trust in each other.”

It helps to have a gym with a regulation court — which the Beavers did not have while the school was being renovated — and a conference with teams at their level of competition. Weaver did not have a home court for five years and had to practice at different schools in the city with smaller courts.


Weaver also left the Central Connecticut Conference in 2017 because many of its teams were not competitive and the school was having a hard time scheduling games, and in some cases, fielding full teams because of the renovations. In some sports, Weaver had struggled for years, playing against suburban teams.

For three years, Weaver played an independent schedule. Last fall, the Beavers started to play in the Capital Region Athletic League (CRAL), which is made up of Hartford area magnet schools.

“When we were in the CCC, we were getting pounded by girls who play year-round,” said Fuller, who is in his first year as head coach at Weaver after spending seven years coaching the junior varsity team, which is 13-1 this season. “It was tough for us to compete.”


“[The Weaver players] started [to play] freshman year and most of them have never played an organized sport. Most of these girls, this is the first team they’ve been on. You’ve got to coach things you never expect to have to coach — how to be a good teammate, showing up on time, being disciplined.”

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Safety Tip of the Day

If you are taking medications for an ailment, remember that many prescription drugs cause side effects that may impair your ability to drive safely.



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Giants: at Kansas City, Monday, 8:15 p.m.
Jets: at Colts, Thursday, 8:20 p.m.
Celtics: Bulls, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; at Magic, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Heat, Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Knicks: Raptors, Monday, 7:30 p.m.; at Pacers, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; at Bucks, Friday, 7:30 p.m.
Nets: Hawks, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; at Pistons, Friday, 7 p.m.; at Toronto, Sunday, 3:30 p.m.
UConn hockey: at Maine, Friday, 7:30 p.m.; at Maine, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Boston College, Nov. 12, 7 p.m.
Bruins: Red Wings, Thursday, 7 p.m.; at Maple Leafs, Saturday, 7 p.m.; Senators, Nov. 9, 7 p.m.
Rangers: at Canucks, Tuesday, 10 p.m.; at Oilers, Friday, 9:30 p.m.; at Flames, Saturday, 10 p.m.
Wolf Pack: Bridgeport, Friday, 7 p.m.; W-B/Scranton, Saturday, 7 p.m.; at Bridgeport, Sunday, 3 p.m.

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7 p.m.: Capitals at Lightning. (Live) NHL
SOCCER
4 p.m.: Premier League Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Everton. (Live) NBCSP

AHL
Wolf Pack put away Islanders

Staff report

The Hartford Wolf Pack completed their second three-in-three weekend of the season Sunday afternoon, defeating the Bridgeport Islanders 5-1 at Webster Bank Arena in Bridgeport.

Hartford (5-2-1-0) completed the weekend 2-1-0-0 with their second victory of the season against the Islanders.

Hunter Skinner’s shot from the blueline through traffic 17:26 into the game put the Wolf Pack up, 2-0.

For the first time this season, the Wolf Pack scored first. Tim Gettinger located Anthony Greco in the slot and fired a perfect pass onto the veteran’s stick. Greco quickly released a shot past goaltender Cory Schneider 15:43 into the game for his third goal of the season.

Moments later, Skinner fired a shot through traffic from the point that Schneider never saw.

Hartford extended the lead to 3-0 4:53 into the second period. Zach Giuttari fired a shot on goal that Schneider denied, but the Islanders goalie could not corral the rebound. Cristiano DiGiacinto was on the doorstep and buried his first career AHL goal.

Bridgeport finally got on the board 18:28 into the middle period as Austin Czarnik scored his first of the season.

Tanner Fritz sent home his first goal as a member of the Wolf Pack, against his former team, at 5:04 of the third period to make it 4-1.

Just over three minutes later, at 8:25, Gettinger scored his second goal of the season to put an exclamation point on the weekend.

The Wolf Pack return to the XL Center on Friday at 7 p.m. when they host the Islanders in round three of the “Battle of Connecticut.”

KNICKS

Cutting out the ‘baiting’ fouls

New guidelines should only help physical Knicks

By Stefan Bondy
New York Daily News

NEW ORLEANS — While rivals like James Harden and Trae Young are grump-ing about the new officiat-ing guidelines discouraging baiting fouls, the Knicks are happy and thriving under the new setup.

Coach Tom Thibodeau said the league is “headed down the right path” by discouraging the offen-sive player from initiating contact for a foul, referenc-ing a more sensible crite-ria for free throws that was the norm 20 years ago in the NBA. And Evan Fournier gave the hardest endorse-ment when asked if he’s enjoying the new officiating guidelines.

Fournier, who played professionally in France, was accustomed to contact with no whistles. In the NBA, the threshold for fouls was lowered and play-ers frequently went to the free-throw line by jumping or leaning into defenders.

The league set a goal this season of cleaning that up.

“It was actually very frus-trating for me,” Fournier said. “For years — I don’t like to compare anything —

but coming from Europe we have guys that aren’t as phys-ical, aren’t as athletic, and yet the game is more phys-ical there. So as a rookie [in the NBA], I kept fouling and fouling and fouling. And I was like, ‘What the hell?’ I’m skinny, I’m not that strong. And I think the league did a great job. We have to adjust. As a fan, I think it’s better. You don’t want to see guys trying to trick referees all the time.”

It makes sense for the physical Knicks to appre-ciate the allowance of physi-cality. Julius Randle and RJ Barrett, the team’s two best players, prefer to barrel to the hoop rather than finesse a foul.

The Knicks didn’t rely much on free throws last season (24th in attempts per game), and rank higher this season (10th through games Saturday) only because attempts are way down across the league. They’re also tied for the league’s best record at 5-1.

Meanwhile, Young, who buried the Knicks in the playoffs while employing some of the tactics now ignored by referees, was down to 3.8 free-throw attempts per game, a reduc-tion of nearly 50% from last season.

“There are certain things that I agree with the rule changes,” Young said. “But

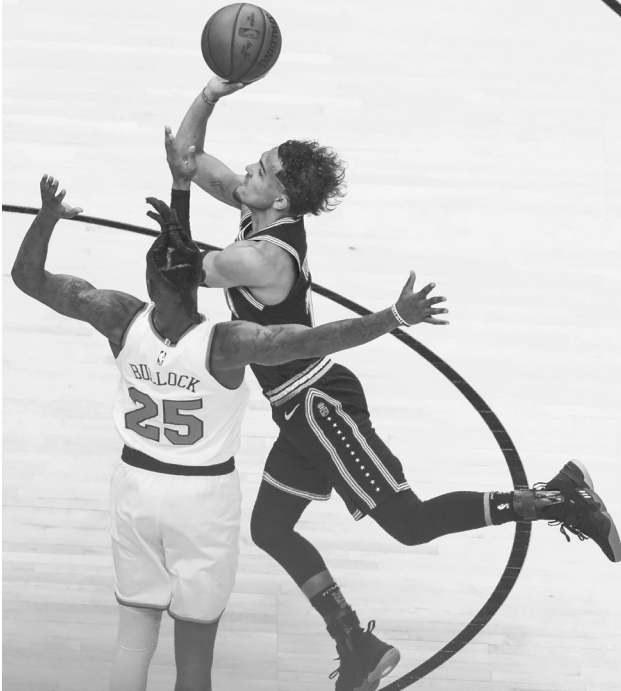
then there’s things that are still fouls, and guys are going to get hurt. Especially a smaller guy like me.”

Similarly, Nets coach Steve Nash groused that Harden, the Brooklyn star guard who has a reputa-tion for baiting fouls, had “unfairly become the poster boy” of the new guidelines. Harden added he feels like sometimes the calls are predetermined based on a “stigma.” He’s attempted 5.7 free throws per game, which would be Harden’s lowest mark in over a decade.

The Knicks also have a player with a penchant for baiting fouls, Immanuel Quickley, whose stats are down across the board at the start of this season.

But the Knicks largely choose aggression over foul searching, and Thibo-deau applauded the league’s purpose.

“I think we’re on the right path,” he said. “If you went back to 20 years ago — and some of us can — you’d have to make an aggressive move to the basket to get two free throws. And then we’ve gotten to the point where (players are baiting fouls with non-basketball moves). And that’s not the intent of the game. The intent is to have a rhythm. If a player makes an aggressive move to the basket and he gets fouled, he should be given



Hawks guard Trae Young drives to the basket against the Knicks’ Reggie Bullock in the playoffs in May, drawing a foul. Officials have been directed not to call fouls this season when a player jumps or leans into a defender. **BRYNN ANDERSON/AP**

two free throws, but if you’re trying to trip up the game, in the old days, the veteran offi-cials, they’d call the foul on the offensive player. That usually eliminated it right there.

“So, I like the path that we’re on, because I think no one wants to go to a game and watch 80 free throws being shot. There’s no

rhythm to that game.”

Fournier agreed.

“You want to have that playoff atmosphere during the regular season as well,” the Knicks guard said. “Because they obviously don’t call it the same way in the playoffs, and that’s how the game goes. And I like it, 100 percent.”

NETS 117, PISTONS 91

Harden ties Bird with 59th career triple-double

By Denis P. Gorman
Associated Press

NEW YORK — James Harden had 18 points, 10 rebounds, and 12 assists to power the Brooklyn Nets to a 117-91 rout of the Detroit Pistons on Sunday night.

Harden is Brooklyn’s all-time leader with 13 triple-doubles, and joined Larry Bird for second on the NBA’s all-time list with 59.

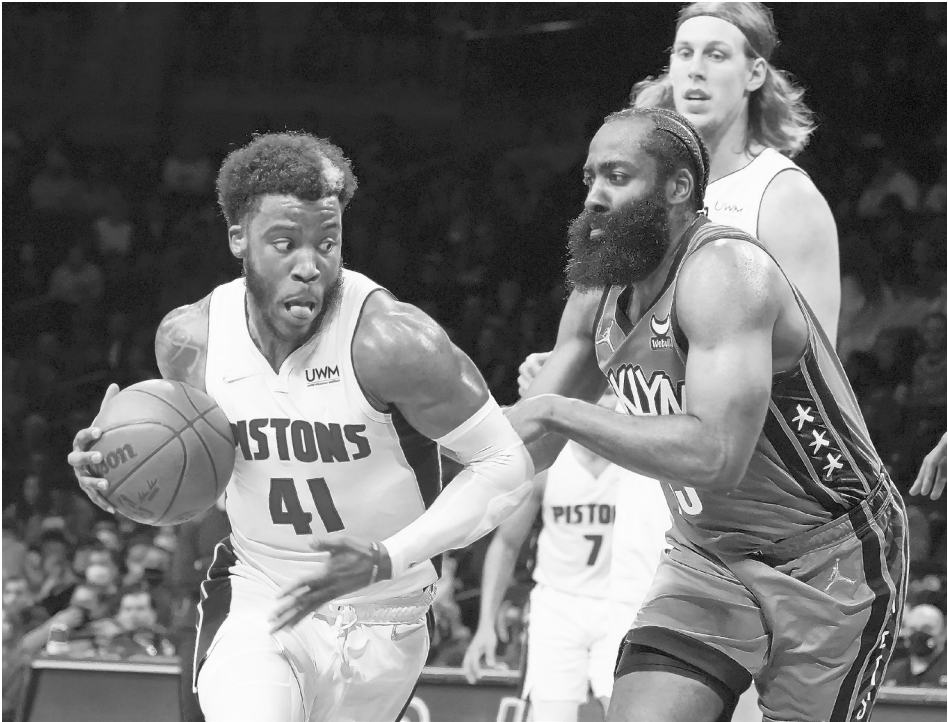
And he had help as Kevin Durant scored 23 points before being ejected in the third quarter. Durant became the third player in the Nets’ NBA history to score at least 20 points in the team’s first seven games to start a season.

LaMarcus Aldridge added 16 off the bench. De’Andre Bembry contrib-uted 15 points, and Joe Harris finished with 12.

While Brooklyn improved to 4-3 with its second straight win, Detroit fell to 1-5.

Cory Joseph led the Pistons with 13 points. Josh Jackson chipped in with 12, and Jerami Grant had 11.

After Josh Jackson knocked down a pull-up jumper to tie the score at 32 in the second quarter, the Nets outscored the Pistons



Pistons forward Saddiq Bey drives against Nets guard James Harden during the first half Sunday night in New York. **COREY SIPKIN/AP**

32-17 over the final 10:40 to go into halftime with a 64-49 advantage.

The Nets did not let up in the second half, as they extended their lead to as much as 30. Brooklyn’s dominance was encapsu-lated by Bembry’s alley-oop jam off of a Harden

feed with 4.5 seconds left in the third. The crowd in attendance at Barclays Center became unglued as Bembry hung on the rim and Harden bounced down the court in celebration.

It was not an entirely seamless night for the Nets, as Durant was ejected with

3:23 left in the third quar-ter after being assessed for a flagrant foul 2 against Kelly Olynyk.

The Detroit center and Brooklyn forward became tangled as Olynyk set a screen, and Durant threw a forearm and then shoved Olynyk to the court follow-

ing a whistle.

The incident was Durant’s second in as many games. He had received a technical in Brooklyn’s 105-98 win over the Pacers on Friday night for throw-ing the ball into the stands after a foul was called.

Brooklyn shot 65.3% overall against the Pistons (47-of-72) and 52% from 3 (13-of-25). The Nets out-re-bounded Detroit, 41-29.

The Pistons are young, rebuilding and learning about life in the NBA. All of which means a great deal of head coach Dwane Casey’s job is to monitor his team’s emotional state.

“They’re somewhere in-between their growth process,” Casey said before the game. “So what you have to have is patience and that’s what we have. We’re in for the long run.

“We understand where we. Are in our process. We’re not going to skip letters of the alphabet just to try to win tonight’s game. So that’s where we are. We know what we are and I’ve been there before so I know there’s no magic wand.”

The Nets conclude their six-game homestead by hosting the Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday night.

WIZARDS 115, CELTICS 112 (2 OTS) LATE SATURDAY

Celtics were cruising in OT. So how did things go so wrong?

By Adam Himmelsbach
Boston Globe

WASHINGTON — The Celtics were on the verge of overcoming a horrendous outside shooting perfor-mance Saturday night when they clawed back from a six-point deficit with less than four minutes left in regulation and forced over-time.

At the start of the extra session, Boston’s plan was clear: The team wanted to attack Wizards center Montrezl Harrell, who had given the Celtics fits over this two-game set but was saddled with five fouls. There was a good chance that Harrell would either collect his sixth foul and give the Celtics a boost by head-ing to the bench, or ease up on defense to ensure that he stayed on the court, leading to some easy chances.

For two minutes, the approach seemed perfect.

“We were really going at him the first three plays,” Celtics coach Ime Udoka said after Boston lost 115-112

in double overtime. “He let guys go.”

In a blink, Al Horford converted a layup over Harrell and Dennis Schroder went at Harrell for another basket at the rim. By the time Jayson Tatum drilled an open 16-footer 90 seconds into the extra session, Boston had a 109-103 lead and it appeared that Washington was on the verge of a collapse.

The odds shifted even further in Boston’s favor after Tatum swatted a Harrell layup attempt and Kyle Kuzma’s ensu-ing jumper was off too. But Boston would not score again in that overtime, missing a golden chance to secure an unlikely victory.

A common theme devel-oped as the cold streak lengthened: On a night the Celtics made just 2 of 26 3-pointers, they continued to fire away from the perim-eter, often in isolation situa-tions that were preceded by limited ball movement.

And the perimeter strug-gles were likely exacer-



Celtics forward Jayson Tatum drives to the basket against the Wizards on Saturday night. He struggled through a 10-for-32 shooting night in a double-overtime loss. **CHARLES KRUPA/AP**

bated by the fact that at that point in the game the Cel-tics, who were missing start-ers Robert Williams and Marcus Smart, were play-ing on tired legs that make outside shooting even more of a chore.

Boston was 0 for 6 from the field over the final 3:27 of the first overtime, and none of those shots came at the rim. In fact, the closest attempt was an awkward

8-footer that Al Horford flung up as he was falling down. The Celtics did not attempt a free throw in that overtime session, either, as Harrell, who had been on his heels moments later, suddenly had a free pass.

“My mindset and our mindset for putting [Harrell] into actions was get downhill and get to the basket knowing he’s going to have to foul out or let you

get a basket,” Udoka said.

“We may have settled for a few perimeter shots that we didn’t need to, especially with how successful we were attacking in the first three possessions.”

The Celtics got some decent looks down the stretch, but there were also possessions during which ball movement was nonex-istent. The cold streak started when Tatum, who scuffled through a 10-for-32 shooting night, missed a 20-footer in an isolation situation. Boston got the ball back when it went out of bounds, but Josh Richard-son’s catch-and-shoot from the right baseline — a good, clean look — was off.

Jaylen Brown slid free for an open 3-pointer from the left arc, but it missed. Surprisingly, that was the only field goal attempt of the first overtime for Brown, who had 34 points on 14-for-24 shooting and had immense success attack-ing the rim throughout the game, with 28 of his 34 points coming in the paint.

NATIONAL SPORTS REPORT

SHORTS

Herbert claims 1st PGA Tour title



Lucas Herbert had two birdies during the toughest, wind-blown stretch of Port Royal and held steady to the end Sunday for a 2-under 69 to win the Bermuda Championship in Southampton. Herbert closed with four pars to hold off Danny Lee (71) and former Masters champ Patrick Reed, who finished with four birdies over his last six holes for a 65 and then waited to see if it would be enough. Herbert, the 25-year-old Australian who won the Irish Open earlier this year, stayed in front by closing with two good par saves and missing a pair of 7-foot birdie attempts he didn't need. His first PGA Tour victory, and third worldwide, sends him to the Masters for the first time. "It opens up so many doors," said Herbert, who earned his PGA Tour card through the Korn Ferry Tour Finals two months ago. He finished at 15-under 269 on Sunday. He had missed the cut in his other two starts this season. The wind and rain, which caused tee times to be moved up, was as fierce as advertised, and play was halted briefly without having to bring the players off the course.

Ridley to focus on his mental health



Joining other well-known athletes who have struggled with mental health issues, Falcons receiver Calvin Ridley said he's stepping away from football after being a last-minute scratch from Sunday's game against the Panthers. It was the second game that Ridley has missed this season for what the team would only describe as a personal matter. But Ridley went on social media during the Falcons' 19-13 loss to the Panthers to provide more details on what he's going through. "These past few weeks have been very challenging and as much as I'd like to be on the field competing with my teammates, I need to step away from football at this time and focus on my mental wellbeing," Ridley wrote on his Twitter page. He thanked the Falcons for their understanding, while giving no timetable for his return. "This will help me be the best version of myself now and in the future," he said. Ridley followed other prominent athletes such as tennis star Naomi Osaka and gold medal gymnast Simone Biles in revealing the mental-health challenges of their high-pressure professions.

TCU, Patterson decide to part ways



TCU and football Gary Patterson have mutually agreed to immediately part ways. The announcement came Sunday night, a day after the Horned Frogs (3-5, 1-4 Big 12) lost 31-12 at Kansas State, Patterson's alma mater. It was their fifth loss in six games. Patterson leaves TCU with a 181-79 record in 21 seasons, including an undefeated 13-0 season in 2010 that was capped by a Rose Bowl victory. He was the second-longest tenured FBS coach, trailing only Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz, who is in his 23rd season. Former Minnesota coach Jerry Kill, who was the best man in Patterson's wedding and on his staff as an offensive analyst, will be the interim head coach for the remainder of the season. The Horned Frogs host No. 14 Baylor on Saturday. The 61-year-old Patterson is the second Big 12 head coach let go in two weeks. Texas Tech fired third-year coach Matt Wells last week, also after a loss to Kansas State. TCU's only Big 12 win was 52-31 at Texas Tech on Oct. 9. A week after that, the Horned Frogs lost 52-31 to fourth-ranked Oklahoma. —Associated Press



Alex Bowman (48) won Sunday's NASCAR Cup playoff race at Martinsville Speedway in Virginia. JARED C. TILTON/GETTY

NASCAR PLAYOFFS

Final four finally set

Larson, Elliott, Hamlin, Truex to race for Cup

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Alex Bowman was the only driver celebrating after NASCAR set its championship four — and he's not even racing for the title. Bowman picked up the victory Sunday at Martinsville Speedway in the final elimination race ahead of the winner-take-all season finale. Bowman wasn't eligible to make the championship round and his overtime victory denied both Kyle Busch and Brad Keselowski the final spot in the field. The Cup will be decided next Sunday at sold-out Phoenix Raceway between favorite Kyle Larson and reigning champion Chase Elliott for Hendrick Motorsports, and Denny Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. for Joe Gibbs Racing. It will pit a pair of Hendrick Chevrolets against two JGR Toyotas. "I think the four most deserving teams are probably in the final four," said Larson, the regular-season cham-

pion and title favorite. "I'm proud we were able to do it and look forward to battling everybody next week." Ford was locked out of the championship when Keselowski and Team Penske teammates Ryan Blaney and Joey Logano failed to advance. Busch finished second to Bowman and Keselowski at last settled for third after a frantic push through the third stage. Truex's car was damaged in several incidents and both Busch and Keselowski were trying to bump Truex out of the final transfer position. It led to spirited racing up and down the grid, especially from Keselowski as he tried to bulldoze his way into the championship round for his final race driving for Roger Penske. He and Busch had hard contact after the checkered flag that caused Busch to spin on the cooldown lap, and Busch seethed after that he should beat up Keselowski. His verbal threats were a milder approach than the one taken by JGR teammate Hamlin after Bowman spun Hamlin from the lead with six laps remaining to send the race into overtime. Hamlin had led 103 laps with victory in sight when Bowman spun him.

Hamlin after the race drove his car to the frontstretch and parked in front of Bowman to prevent Bowman from a proper celebration on Bowman's fourth win of the season. Bowman insisted the contact with Hamlin was accidental and wondered why Hamlin was so angry because Hamlin has done the same to him. "He crashed me at Texas last year. Texted me and apologized. Said he'd give me a ride on his jet," Bowman said. "We're even, I guess, after that. He crashed the heck out of me there. He got loose underneath me, exactly same thing just on a bigger racetrack. "My point is the shoe has been on the other foot, we've been on both sides of it" Hamlin, who already has five Martinsville grandfather clocks, still advanced into the championship on points. But his JGR crew had to radio Hamlin to back off as he confronted Bowman, who gave Hendrick Motorsports its 16th win in 35 races this season and fourth in a row. "He's just a hack, just an absolute hack who gets his ass kicked every week by his teammates," said Hamlin, a Virginia native who audibly didn't have any home-crowd support.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL WHAT WE LEARNED

Bulldogs relying on dominant defense

By Matt Murschel | Orlando Sentinel

Georgia will only go as far as its defense allows. Top-ranked Georgia features the best defense in the country and it showed against Florida with the Bulldogs forcing three turnovers including a pick six. But the offense remains a point of concern after quarterback Stetson Bennett IV tossed two interceptions. With such a stingy defense, UGA may not need much offense.

The heat is back on Jim Harbaugh. It didn't take long after Michigan's loss to Michigan State for the critics to begin calling for Harbaugh's job. The Wolverines surrendered a 16-point lead in the second half as Harbaugh dropped to 3-9 against rivals Ohio State and Michigan State. The loss dropped Michigan out of contention for the College Football Playoff and most likely ended its chance at a Big Ten title.

Win could be a loss for Michigan State. Michigan State fans were thrilled with their win against Michigan but that euphoria could turn to concern as a strong showing by the Spartans could entice schools like LSU and Southern California to make a serious run at Michigan State coach Mel Tucker. Tucker's experience in the SEC at Alabama and Georgia and his recent run of success makes him a top candidate among desperate athletic directors.

Kenneth Walker III makes his case for the Heisman Trophy. If you didn't know about Kenneth Walker III before Saturday, you surely do by now after the Michigan State tailback ran for 197 yards and five touchdowns in the Spartans' 37-33 win over Michigan. Walker is one of three running backs with 1,100 rushing yards and he leads the nation in rushing yards per game with 149.2.

Wake Forest remains the ACC's best hope for the playoff. Wake Forest is one of six undefeated teams remaining in the Football Bowl Subdivision after the Demon Deacons improved to 8-0 with a blowout of Duke. The Demon Deacons are the clear favorites to win the ACC Atlantic now, and with their first top 10 ranking, it's easy to see how Wake could maneuver itself into the playoff.

Auburn's path to an SEC West title remains clear. With everyone focusing on Alabama, Ole Miss and Texas A&M, Auburn has quietly put itself in the driver's seat for a divisional title. The Tigers won back-to-back games against ranked foes in Arkansas and Ole Miss, and with show-downs against Alabama and Texas A&M looming, a trip to Atlanta and the SEC Championship remains a possibility.

Youth movement has sparked the Hurricanes. Two weeks ago, Miami's hopes were fading into obscurity with Manny Diaz facing an uncertain future as the Hurricanes coach, but breakout performances by freshman quarterback Tyler Van Dyke in wins against NC State and Pittsburgh have suddenly thrust this team back into contention in the ACC Coastal and salvaged what seemed an unsalvageable season.

Wisconsin and Minnesota are back in the Big Ten title race. Welcome back! After early devastating losses, Wisconsin and Minnesota have run off four straight wins apiece to push themselves back into contention in the Big Ten West. Iowa, which briefly courted with a No. 2 ranking before losses to Purdue and Wisconsin, has dropped out of sight, leaving the Badgers-Gophers season finale Nov. 27 in Minneapolis as a possible decider.

Texas can't close the deal. It's been a challenging first year for Texas coach Steve Sarkisian, who has watched his Longhorns show glimpses of greatness while also suffering horrifying fourth-quarter collapses against Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Baylor. Texas saw another double-digit lead vanish in the second half against Baylor, handing Texas its first three-game losing streak since 2016.

Kickoff return puts Houston squarely in the AAC picture. Marcus Jones' 100-yard kickoff return TD with 17 seconds remaining pushed Houston past previously undefeated SMU and into consideration for the American Athletic Conference title race. The Cougars have won seven straight games after dropping their opener Texas Tech and could end up the best challenger to Cincinnati.



Georgia's defense dominated Florida during the top-ranked Bulldogs' 34-7 victory Saturday. PHELAN M. EBENHACK/AP

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Remy

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tweeted Sunday.

Remy is survived by his wife, Phoebe; sons, Jared and Jordan; daughter, Jenna, and her husband, Leif von der Heyde; and two grandchildren, Dominik Guyette and Arianna Remy. Plans for a memorial service were not immediately available.

Remy began his major league career with the California Angels, where he played for three seasons before being traded to the Red Sox. He was an All-Star in his first season with them in 1978 as he became Boston's everyday second baseman. But chronic knee problems caught up to him, and he played his final game in 1984 before retiring in 1986 during spring training.

Remy never saw himself becoming a broadcaster, but that's where he found himself starting in 1988 with NESN, calling Red Sox games alongside play-by-play man Sean McDonough. It certainly wasn't easy for him at the beginning, even he admitted, but he eventually got through the adjustment period in the booth and became a fan favorite.

"To end up in this career ... was never the formula," Remy said in 2017 when he was inducted into the Massachusetts Broadcasters Hall of Fame. "I always felt that when time passed and I was finished playing baseball, I would somehow stay in baseball as a coach or a manager, and then this job at NESN became available. Somebody told me, 'Why don't you throw your name in? You're young; you're local; you're a fairly popular player.' I said, 'OK, what the hell. Throw my name in. We'll see what happens. I'm not going to get anywhere. I've got no experience.'

"Then I got the job. I was scared to death. I had no idea what I was doing. And for the first two years, I would pray for rainouts because I hated myself. I mean, I could not stand myself on the air. It was horrible. But thank goodness I stayed with it because it was one of the best things that I've ever done."

Nicknamed "RemDawg" by McDonough, Remy's career took off. He teamed up with Don Orsillo

in the 2001 season, and together they became the soundtrack of Red Sox baseball. Their voices were recognizable throughout New England, their chemistry unmatched in the booth as they won four New England Emmy awards.

"Thank you for 21 years of friendship," Orsillo tweeted in a tribute Sunday. "I am nowhere today without you."

Remy struggled with his health for more than a decade but fought resiliently through cancer treatments, always battling to return to work at Fenway Park, where he took great pride and solace. He was not only a fixture in the broadcast booth but also in the Red Sox clubhouse, where he loved to interact with the team before games.

"It's difficult to put into words what Jerry meant to me and our entire organization," former second baseman Dustin Pedroia said. "I will miss our baseball talks, joking and laughing together, and our friendship. Jerry helped me so much as a young player, and I looked up to him. He helped me see the game in different ways. He left his mark on everyone and will be truly missed."

Remy's health worsened this year. In June, he stepped away from the booth as a precaution after experiencing shortness of breath during a broadcast. He returned about a week later. Then on Aug. 4, Remy announced he was stepping away again after lung cancer returned, his seventh diagnosis. Cora and the Red Sox dedicated their win over the Tigers that night to Remy.

Remy's final public appearance came on Oct. 5, when he threw out the ceremonial first pitch before the Red Sox's wild card playoff game against the Yankees. Wearing his No. 2 jersey, he pitched a strike to fellow NESN commentator and former teammate Dennis Eckersley.

"I have two choices: quit or fight," Remy said in 2018 after his sixth cancer diagnosis. "Because I reach so many people through television, if I can give them some hope, then that's what I'm going to do."

"If you help one person, one family, then you've helped somebody."

JERRY REMY 1952-2021

Red Sox players, legends react to loss of 'RemDawg'

By Amin Touri
Boston Globe

Jerry Remy, the former Red Sox second baseman who became one of Boston's most beloved sports broadcasters over three decades in the booth, died Saturday at 68.

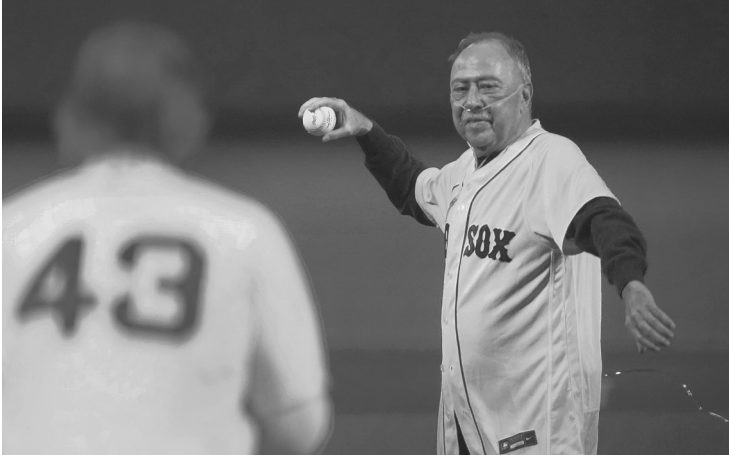
After seven seasons turning double plays in the Fenway infield, including an All-Star nod in 1978, Remy spent 33 years in the Fenway broadcast booth, as synonymous with a Sox broadcast as the team itself.

News of his passing drew an outpouring of grief on Sunday, with many sharing their fondest memories of one of the most popular figures in Boston sports.

Manager Alex Cora shared a few texts that he'd exchanged with Remy over the last few weeks, before writing "rest in peace" in Spanish.

Through the team, Cora released a statement:

"Like everyone else in Red Sox Nation today, I'm absolutely devastated by Jerry's passing. We connected because of our love for the game of baseball. I will miss all of our conversations about the game and just passing time together throughout the years, whether in the clubhouse or dugout. Jerry was so passionate about the Red Sox and even though he had to step away for treatment late in the season, he was with us every step of the way—especially in October. We kept in touch just about every day and encouraged each other to keep fighting. It was great seeing him at Fenway when we started our run; he was a source of inspiration for so many of our players. My condolences go out to his wife, Phoebe, and his children and their grandchildren. We will miss you, Rem!"



Former Red Sox player and longtime broadcaster Jerry Remy throws a ceremonial first pitch to former Red Sox pitcher Dennis Eckersley before the AL wild-card game against the Yankees at Fenway Park on Oct. 5. CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Xander Bogaerts called it a "sad day," tweeting: "My thoughts are with Jerry's family and his loved ones. As a player, I always loved seeing Rem in our clubhouse at Fenway every day. He was the first person you'd see when you came in. Whether it was just to say hello or to talk baseball, he was always there. You knew he loved the Red Sox and that he was always pulling for us. He will be missed."

David Ortiz thanked Remy for coining the nickname he'd be synonymous with forever.

"A fun person to be around and incredible human being just left us," Ortiz said in a Red Sox statement. "We are going to miss you, brother. Thank you for calling me Big Papi on air—I will never forget that. Miss you already, Rem Dawg."

Dustin Pedroia, the former Red Sox second baseman, said it was "difficult to put into words what Jerry meant to me and our entire organization."

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joking and laughing together, and our friendship. Jerry helped me so much as a young player and I looked up to him. He helped me see the game in different ways. He left his mark on everyone and will be truly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his entire family."

And Pedro Martinez said Remy's voice went along with some of the "greatest moments" of his career.

"Ever since I laid foot at Fenway Park you were there to call it, feel it and appreciate it," he said in a release from the Red Sox. "Just like your voice with a great smile, right along with some of the greatest memories in my career in Boston. I'll never forget how supportive you were towards me and my career, Rem Dawg. Your memories will always live with me, as well as my respect and mutual admiration. Rest in peace and my deepest condolences to your family."

Tim Wakefield posted a photo of Remy on Instagram, calling him a "great mentor."

Pitchers

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final time a pitcher ever appears in a big league batting order.

"I think it's definitely going to be pretty special that this could be the last pitchers ever hitting in baseball. We've definitely brought it up," Braves starter Ian Anderson said.

No more Madison Bumgarner swinging for the fences. No more Bartolo Colon flailing and losing his helmet—or shocking everyone by going deep. No more Greinke grounding a single up the middle, as he did Saturday night in Game 4.

Say goodbye to double switches. Sacrifice bunts would shrivel up, and automatic intentional walks to face the pitcher would vanish, too. So would the risk of a \$20 million ace pulling a hamstring while running the bases.

Plus, the little nuances that would disappear: the bat boy running out a warmup jacket to the pitcher at first base, the on-deck hitter lingering near the batter's box to give his

hurler more time to walk back to the dugout

More than a century of strategy and baseball fabric, ripped away.

"Once it ever changes to no DH, then it will probably never change back, and that's something that would sadden me," Astros manager Dusty Baker said.

Good riddance, says Houston shortstop Carlos Correa.

"To me, that's not real baseball," he said Saturday. "I want to see real hitters out there."

Sure, a few pitchers might get an at-bat here and there, maybe in extra innings when teams run out of position players.

So who knows, maybe the Hall of Fame will get the bat Framber Valdez used when he started Game 5 for Houston.

"To be honest with you, the last time that I hit was in the regular season in San Diego. I thought I was done hitting," Valdez said through an interpreter Saturday.

"[In 2014] or '15 was the last time that I hit regularly in a league. I liked to hit in that era," he said. "It's a little

bit different hitting as a pitcher here in the big leagues. So I still like hitting in softball back home in the Dominican, but hitting as a major league pitcher, I don't like it."

The DH debate has raged since 1973, when Ron Blomberg of the New York Yankees became the first player to fill the role. It continues to this day, when American League teams often feel at a disadvantage when the World Series shifts to an NL park.

Since the DH era began, the only pitchers to homer in the World Series have been Joe Blanton for Philadelphia in 2008 and Ken Holtzman for Oakland in 1974.

Overall, pitchers were just 3 for 49 (.061) at the plate this postseason heading into Game 5 on Sunday night.

Not that many pitchers do a lot of damage at other times, either—besides Shohei Ohtani, of course. Big league hurlers hit a collective .108 this season. Max Scherzer, who used to handle the bat fairly well, was 0 for 62 for the Dodgers and Washington, didn't safely reach

base once and struck out half the time.

Greinke, meanwhile, does fine at the plate. So much so that Baker moved him from the pitcher's customary ninth spot in the batting order to eighth in Game 4.

The only other pitcher who didn't bat ninth in the World Series was Babe Ruth back in 1918. Greinke responded with the first hit by a pitcher in the Fall Classic since Cleveland's Corey Kluber in 2016.

"Some of the guys don't miss it, some pitchers. And there's some pitchers that absolutely miss it. Like Greinke, he's dying to hit," Baker said last week.

Baker would prefer to see things stay the way they are.

"I'm in favor of leaving it the way it is. Let the DH stand in the American League, and in the National League play the National League style of ball because they're both interesting," he said.

Braves reliever Jesse Chavez agreed.

"My personal opinion, I think it should stay the same. I think it's

beneficial for the game because it adds two different aspects. It's a chess game out there. It's not checkers," he said.

Braves manager Brian Snitker has spent four decades in the Atlanta system at all levels as a player, coach and skipper. He admits he would miss the double switches, bunts and other aspects of National League strategy.

But after watching the NL use the DH in 2020 during the pandemic-shortened season, he saw a lot to like.

"I just see so many pitchers now that go to the plate and, No. 1, they don't want to," Snitker said. "Honestly, I think it will be a better game to watch. It will be more action, more stuff going on."

"Prior to experiencing it last year, I was kind of like the old guard. I was not for it. I am for it now, because I see for every Max Fried and Adam Wainwright and Madison Bumgarner, there's 15 guys who can't hit. Again, they don't grow up hitting. They grow up pitching, and they're not hitting."

Weaver

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"The CRAL is a lot of Hartford kids. We're on a level playing field, and we have a nice chance to compete."

It helps to have their gym back, too. The team, which played its home games at SMSA for five years, was able to play at Weaver last season for the first time since 2014.

"One year we were at Milner Middle School. They only have a half-size basketball court," Fuller said. "They don't have a [regulation] net. It was like a foot shorter than it was supposed to be. We practiced there for two years, then we practiced at University, another half-size

gym, wrong size net. The court was like 8 feet too wide, 3 feet too short.

"We would use the warmup before games to practice certain concepts because that was the only time we got on a full-size court."

Playing in their own gym has made a big difference.

"It's so good," said junior middle hitter Takyra Allderdyce, who leads the team in kills (92). "We finally get to play in our home gym. We get all the support from all the other teams—our cross country team, our football team. It's just crazy, and it's so fun."

Weaver won four games in 2015 and one in 2016, the last year the Beavers were in the CCC. Playing an independent schedule, they went 5-15 in 2017, 2-18 the next year and

3-17 in 2019. Last year, their first year in CRAL, they won three games in a pandemic-shortened season.

"Weaver volleyball has never been good," Fuller said. "Look at all these banners in the gym—nothing is for volleyball."

Another big difference is that some of the Weaver players played in a summer league.

"It really did [help]," Allderdyce said. "I could never get my overhand serves over. And they're really good this year."

Allderdyce said the team is close and has good chemistry.

"We have so much trust in each other," she said. "The team has a good energy, connection with each other, on and off the court."

Weaver has five seniors. Three

started playing this year. Only one, setter Nicole Tirado, has played for four years. She leads the team in assists (121) and another senior, Nicole Linares, is the leader in aces (64) and is second in digs (108) to junior libero Jasmine Cardona (178).

"In the past, we would have girls stay for a few months and they weren't feeling it," Tirado said. "This time we have kids playing for two years. I've been playing for four years. It's really nice to see the program grow."

"It's actually fun. That's why we keep coming back."

In 1995, the Beavers went 9-9 to make the Class L tournament and had to go to Greenwich in the first round and lost. In 1982, the team had its most successful season, — going

13-3. The Beavers also lost in the first round of the tournament to eventual champion Amity.

Weaver has a chance to break that record this year. The CRAL tournament starts Monday with a semifinal game against Civic Leadership, and the Class S tournament begins Nov. 8.

"They're playing really hard," Fuller said. "They're believing in themselves now. It used to be we had 3-4 winnable games on our schedule. Now every game feels winnable. They're practicing with great intensity. They're playing with great intensity, because they feel like they can win."

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Washington	5	1	.833	—
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Detroit	1	4	.200	3
Indiana	1	6	.143	4½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	4	2	.667	—
Memphis	3	3	.500	1
San Antonio	2	4	.333	2
Houston	1	4	.200	2½
New Orleans	1	6	.143	3½
NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	5	1	.833	—
Denver	4	2	.667	1
Minnesota	3	2	.600	1½
Portland	3	3	.500	2
Oklahoma City	1	5	.167	4
PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	5	1	.833	—
Sacramento	3	3	.500	2
L.A. Lakers	3	3	.500	2
Phoenix	2	3	.400	2½
L.A. Clippers	1	4	.200	3½

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Dallas 105, Sacramento 99
Charlotte 125, Portland 113
Utah 107, Milwaukee 95
Detroit at Brooklyn, late
Houston at L.A. Lakers, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
Cleveland at Charlotte, 7p.m.
Portland at Philadelphia, 7p.m.
San Antonio at Indiana, 7p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 7:30p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7:30p.m.
Denver at Memphis, 8p.m.
Orlando at Minnesota, 8p.m.
Okla. City at L.A. Clippers, 10:30p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES
Milwaukee at Detroit, 7p.m.
Miami at Dallas, 7:30p.m.
Sacramento at Utah, 9p.m.
New Orleans at Phoenix, 10p.m.
Houston at L.A. Lakers, 10:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 115, Boston 112, 2OT
Detroit 110, Orlando 103
New York 123, New Orleans 117
Toronto 97, Indiana 94
Philadelphia 122, Atlanta 94
Miami 129, Memphis 103
San Antonio 102, Milwaukee 93
Chicago 107, Utah 99
Golden State 103, Oklahoma City 82
Denver 93, Minnesota 91
Phoenix 101, Cleveland 92

TENNIS

ATP ERSTE BANK OPEN
Sunday at Wiener Stadthalle, Vienna, indoors-hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#2Alexander Zverev d.
Frances Tiafoe, 7-5, 6-4.

ATP ST. PETERSBURG OPEN
Sunday at Sibur Arena, St. Petersburg, Russia, indoors-hardcourt
MEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
Marin Cilic d. #5Taylor Ftiz,
7-6(3), 4-6, 6-4.

WTA COURMAYEUR LADIES OPEN
Sunday at Courmayeur Sport Center, Courmayeur, Italy, indoor-hardcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
Donna Vekic d. #5Clara Tauson,
7-5, 6-2.

WTA TRANSYLVANIA OPEN
Saturday in Cluj-Napoca, Romania, indoors-harcourt
WOMEN'S SINGLES, CHAMPIONSHIP
#1 Simona Halep d.
#2 Anett Kontaveit, 6-2, 6-3.

ODDS

NBA FAVORITE	LINE	O/U	MONDAY UNDERDOG
at Philadelphia	6 (off)		Portland
at Charlotte	4 (off)		Cleveland
at Indiana	off (off)		San Antonio
at Boston	2½ (off)		Chicago
at New York	6% (212½)		Toronto
at Atlanta	5½ (223)		Washington
at Minnesota	9 (215½)		Orlando
at MEMPHIS	2 (217)		Denver
at LA Clippers	11 (213½)		Okla. City

NHL FAVORITE	LINE	UNDERDOG	MONDAY LINE
at Tampa Bay	-146	Washington	+123
at Chicago	-124	Ottawa	+103
at Edmonton	-205	Seattle	+171

Utah	7	(52)	at Stanford
Virginia Tech	3½	(47)	at Boston Coll.

SATURDAY			
at Air Force	3	(37½)	Army
SMU	6	(71)	at Memphis
at Minnesota	14½	(44)	Illinois
at Mississippi	10	(68½)	Liberty
Pittsburgh	20½	(64)	at Duke
at UAB	13½	(50)	La. Tech
at Miami	8½	(63½)	Georgia Tech
Ohio State	14½	(63)	at Nebraska
Penn State	11	(55½)	at Maryland
at Texas A&M	4	(50)	Auburn
at Michigan	20	(51)	Indiana
at Arizona St.	8	(59½)	Southern Cal
Iowa	12	(40)	at N'hwestern
at Alabama	28½	(65)	LSU
at Georgia	38	(59½)	Missouri
Michigan State	3	(52)	at Purdue
NC State	3	(56)	at Florida St.
Oregon	6½	(51)	at Washington
Clemson	3½	(45½)	at Louisville
at N. Carolina	2½	(75½)	Wake Forest

NFL WEEK 8 FAVORITE	SP	O/U	MONDAY UNDERDOG
at Kansas City	10½	(52)	NY Giants

For the latest odds, go to [FanDuel Sportsbook, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/](https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE										
ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Florida	9	8	0	1	17	36	18			
Buffalo	8	5	2	1	11	25	17			
Detroit	9	4	3	2	10	29	31			
Tampa Bay	8	4	3	1	9	26	28			
Toronto	9	4	4	1	9	21	29			
Boston	7	4	3	0	8	18	20			
Ottawa	7	3	4	0	6	19	20			
Montreal	10	2	8	0	4	19	34			
METRO.	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Carolina	8	8	0	0	16	33	12			
Washington	8	5	0	3	13	30	19			
N.Y. Rangers	8	5	2	1	11	19	18			
Columbus	8	5	3	0	10	23	22			
New Jersey	7	4	2	1	9	21	21			
Philadelphia	7	4	2	1	9	25	21			
N.Y. Islanders	7	3	2	2	8	17	18			
Pittsburgh	8	3	3	2	8	26	25			

WESTERN CONFERENCE										
CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
St. Louis	7	6	1	0	12	29	15			
Winnipeg	8	4	2	2	10	28	26			
Minnesota	8	5	3	0	10	22	26			
Nashville	8	4	4	0	8	23	22			
Colorado	8	4	4	0	8	24	27			
Dallas	8	3	4	1	7	15	22			
Chicago	9	0	7	2	2	17	37			
Arizona	9	0	8	1	1	13	39			
PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA			
Calgary	8	6	1	1	13	29	15			
Edmonton	7	6	1	0	12	29	19			
San Jose	8	5	3	0	10	22	19			
Anaheim	10	3	4	3	9	31	35			
Vegas	8	4	4	0	8	21	26			
Seattle	8	3	4	1	7	22	25			
Vancouver	9	3	5	1	7	22	25			
Los Angeles	9	3	5	1	7	24	27			

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Carolina 2, Arizona 1
Anaheim 4, Montreal 2
Los Angeles 3, Buffalo 2
Columbus 4, New Jersey 3 (SO)
N.Y. Rangers at Seattle, late

MONDAY'S GAMES
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7p.m.
Ottawa at Chicago, 8p.m.
Seattle at Edmonton, 9:30p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
Nashville 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, SO
Los Angeles 5, Montreal 2
New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 2
Toronto 5, Detroit 4
Boston 3, Florida 2, SO
San Jose 2, Winnipeg 1, OT
St. Louis 1, Chicago 0
Colorado 4, Minnesota 1
Edmonton 2, Vancouver 1
Calgary 4, Philadelphia 0

SOCCER

MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER						
EASTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
New England	22	4	7	73	65	40
Philadelphia	14	8	11	53	47	34
Nashville	12	4	17	53	54	32
New York City FC	14	11	8	50	55	35
Orlando City	12	9	12	48	48	48
Atlanta	12	9	11	47	43	36
N.Y. Red Bulls	13	12	7	46	38	32
D.C. United	13	15	5	44	53	53
Columbus	12	13	8	44	44	45
CF Montreal	11	11	10	43	44	42
Inter Miami CF	11	17	5	38	35	53
Chicago	9	17	7	34	36	52
Toronto FC	6	17	10	28	38	63
Cincinnati	4	21	8	20	36	72
WESTERN	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
Sporting KC	17	8	7	58	57	36
Seattle	17	8	7	58	51	31
Colorado	16	7	10	58	46	33
Portland	15	13	4	49	50	51
Minnesota United	13	11	9	48	39	41
Vancouver	12	9	11	47	43	43
LA Galaxy	13	12	7	46	46	50
Real Salt Lake	13	13	6	45	53	51
Los Angeles FC	12	12	8	44	50	45
San Jose	10	13	10	40	45	53
FC Dallas	7	15	11	32	46	55
Houston	6	15	12	30	36	52
Austin FC	8	20	4	28	32	52

Three points for win, one point for tie.

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Minnesota 2, Sporting Kansas City 1
Colorado 1, Houston 0
Nashville 1, Orlando City 1
Philadelphia 2, Cincinnati 0

MONDAY'S MATCH
LA Galaxy at Seattle, 10p.m.

TUESDAY'S MATCH
Vancouver at Los Angeles FC, 10:30p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S MATCHES
Houston at CF Montréal, 7:30p.m.
Atlanta at New York, 7:30p.m.
Sporting KC at Austin FC, 9p.m.
Portland at Real Salt Lake, 10p.m.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
New York City FC 3, Miami 1
San Jose 4, Real Salt Lake 3
New York 1, CF Montréal 0
Toronto FC 1, Atlanta 1
Columbus 3, D.C. United 1
FC Dallas 2, Austin FC 1

NWSL CLUB	W	L	T	PT	GF	GA
x-Portland	13	6	5	44	33	17
x-OL Reign	13	8	3	42	37	24
x-Washington	11	7	6	39	29	26
x-Chicago	11	8	5	38	28	28
x-Gotham FC	8	5	11	35	29	21
x-North Carolina	9	9	6	33	28	23
Houston	9	10	5	32	31	31
Orlando	7	10	7	28	27	32
Louisville	5	12	7	22	13	40
Kansas City	3	14	7	16	15	36

Three points for win, one point for tie.

x-clinched postseason berth

SUNDAY'S RESULTS
Washington 1, Houston 0
Louisville 1, Gotham FC 1

SATURDAY'S RESULTS
OL Reign 3, Kansas City 0
North Carolina 0, Portland 0

NWSL PLAYOFFS SUNDAY, NOV. 7 QUARTERFINALS
#5 Gotham FC at #4 Chicago, 3p.m.
#6 North Carolina at
#3 Washington, 5:30p.m.

SUNDAY NOV. 14 SEMIFINALS
TBD at #2OL Reign, 3p.m.
TBD at #1 Portland, 5:30p.m.

NWSL CHAMPIONSHIP
Nov. 20in Louisville, noon

ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE							
CLUB	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	PT
Chelsea	10	8	1	1	26	3	25
Liverpool	10	6	4	0	29	8	22
Man City	10	6	2	2	20	6	20
West Ham	10	6	2	2	10	11	20
Man United	10	5	2	3	19	15	17
Arsenal	10	5	2	3	12	13	17
Brighton	10	4	2	11	11	16	16
Tottenham	10	5	0	5	9	16	15
Everton	9	4	2	3	15	14	14
Leicester	10	4	2	4	15	17	14
Wolverhampton	9	4	1	4	9	13	13
Brentford	10	3	3	4	12	12	12
Crystal Palace	10	2	6	2	13	14	12
Southampton	10	2	5	3	9	12	11
Aston Villa	10	3	1	6	14	19	10
Watford	10	3	1	6	12	18	10
Leeds	10	2	4	4	10	17	10
Burnley	10	1	4	5	10	16	7
Newcastle	10	0	4	6	11	23	4
Norwich	10	0	2	8	3	25	4

SPORTS

GIANTS

Against Chiefs defense, Toney could be X-factor

By Pat Leonard
New York Daily News

The Giants may get their game-breaker back for Monday night's clash with the Kansas City Chiefs at Arrowhead Stadium.

Rookie first-round pick Kadarus Toney returned to practice Friday and has a chance to suit up in prime time against one of the NFL's worst defenses.

"I was able to do enough. Progress," Toney, 22, said of his limited work on an injured right ankle.

Offensive coordinator Jason Garrett and quarterback Daniel Jones found a way to beat the Carolina Panthers last week without Toney, Kenny Golladay, Saquon Barkley and Sterling Shepard.

But Monday's opponent is a different beast, even with the Chiefs (3-4) struggling.

Kansas City's Patrick Mahomes, Tyreek Hill and Travis Kelce will test the limits of Patrick Graham's Giants defense with extended plays, explosive downfield shots and uncommon speed.

The Giants (2-5) don't have many answers to keep up with that kind of offense. Toney, however, could be their ace in the hole.

He leads the Giants with 317 receiving yards despite having played only 34% of the offensive snaps through seven games. His speed, playmaking and versatility add another dimension to the attack.

"You watch him catch the ball (or) catch a slant, he's hard to bring down," said Giants special teams coordinator Thomas McGaughey, who may give Toney his first punt return Monday, too. "Guys like that are a threat. The Tyreek Hills of the world are threats. They have coaches up at night thinking about how they're going to stop the threat."



Giants wide receiver Kadarius Toney fights for extra yards after a reception against the Cowboys on Oct. 10. He set a Giants rookie record with 189 receiving yards in that game. **ROGER STEINMAN/AP**

Giants (2-5) at Chiefs (3-4)

Time/TV: Monday, 8:15 p.m. EDT, ESPN

Series record: Giants lead 11-3.

Last meeting: Giants beat Chiefs 12-9 in OT on Nov. 19, 2017, in East Rutherford, N.J.

Last week: Giants beat Panthers 25-3; Chiefs lost to Titans 27-3.

Giants player to watch: DL Leonard Williams has sacks in three of his last four games, including 1 1/2 against the Panthers. The 27-year-old signed a three-year, \$63 million contract in the offseason to stay with the Giants, and he had been under scrutiny earlier in the year for not meeting expectations. But he is now third on the team with 39 tackles.

Chiefs player to watch: QB Patrick Mahomes is always worth watching, but it's usually because of the did-you-see-that kind of plays he makes. But this season, Mahomes has struggled behind a revamped offensive line and already has thrown nine interceptions while losing two fumbles.

Key matchup: Chiefs RB Darrel Williams has to produce against a porous Giants run defense if the Kansas City offense is to get on track. He's been the lead back after Clyde Edwards-Helaire got hurt, but he's combined for 26 carries and 82 yards the past two weeks.

Game notes: Giants QB Daniel Jones has had 100-plus ratings in two of his three road games. He is aiming for his fourth straight Monday night game with at least 25 completions. His 229 yards rushing are third in the league among quarterbacks. ... WR Darius Slayton returned last week for New York after missing three games with a hamstring injury, and he had five catches for a team-high 63 yards. He has had two 100-yard games and two-plus TD catches in two of his last three on Monday night. ... The Giants and Colts are the only NFL teams to have a takeaway in each of their first seven games this season. ... The Chiefs' four losses are equal to their total the past two seasons combined. ... Mahomes already has thrown three more interceptions (nine) this season than all of last season. He had the league's lowest interception rate in 2020. ... Mahomes has thrown 35 TD passes with only seven interceptions in 12 starts against NFC teams.

—Associated Press

Patriots

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bye, going 22 of 39 for 195 yards in Los Angeles' 34-6 loss to the Baltimore Ravens.

The offense's struggles against the Pats culminated on the play that probably decided the game early in the fourth quarter: Herbert made a quick throw to Cook, who wasn't even looking for the ball. Phillips dived for the interception, got up untouched and scored the go-ahead touchdown with 10:11 to play.

The Chiefs defense is vulnerable, too: fourth-worst in yards allowed per game (404.6), fifth-worst in points (29), sixth-worst in rush yards (128.9) and seventh-worst in pass yards (275.7).

"They're a pretty scary offense," said Chiefs defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, who won a Super Bowl with the Giants in 2007. "We talked about the quarterback [Jones]. They have all kinds of speed on the outside. ... We'll see where they are health-wise."

Spagnuolo, the Giants' interim head coach at the end of the 2017 season, raved about Evan Engram and Barkley, too. He called Jones a "fearless runner." But Toney is the newest and most unique weapon at Garrett's disposal.

Toney flashed with six catches for 78 yards in the Giants' first win in Week 4 at New Orleans. He set a Giants rookie record with 189 receiving yards in Week 5 at Dallas. And he made three catches for 36 yards on six plays before reinjuring an ankle in Week 6 against the Rams.

It wasn't just the stats, though. It's how Toney did it.

He darted and slipped upfield to convert a third and 18 at New Orleans, with 17 of those yards coming after the catch. Garrett called a pass play for him that Toney pulled down with no one open — the Giants showed trust in him to handle it.

Then he made contested catches at Dallas and embarrassed some Cowboys defenders in the open field. He even put the Cowboys' Trevon Diggs on skates with a devastating route.

Garrett also rushed Toney out of the Wildcat for 7 yards, and the Giants had built their Rams game plan around Toney's exciting skill set prior to his injury on the opening series.



Jets quarterback Mike White looks to throw against the Bengals on Sunday in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Making his first start, he threw for 405 yards and three touchdowns. **NOAH K. MURRAY/AP**

JETS

QB White comes up big in wild win over Bengals

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Mike White caught himself listening to the crowd for a moment during his first NFL start.

The shouts of New York Jets fans echoed throughout MetLife Stadium, and the quarterback realized they were celebrating him.

"At first, I kind of had to listen again," White said with a smile after leading the Jets to a stunning 34-31 comeback victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Sunday. "Like, are they chanting my name?"

They sure were, and for good reason.

White threw for 405 yards and three touchdowns, caught a 2-point conversion pass on the go-ahead score and joined Cam Newton (2011) as the only players since at least 1950 to throw for 400 or more yards in their first career start.

"He's a dog. He's an animal. He's a savage," running back Ty Johnson said. "I told him before the game, 'You're a gunslinger, so let's ride.'"

White, starting in place of injured rookie Zach Wilson, pulled off the improbable victory for the Jets (2-5) while going 37 of 45 — setting an NFL record for the most completions in a player's first start.

"Going out and watching film at the beginning of the week and

seeing what they do on defense, I knew there would be completions out there," White said.

He overcame two early interceptions and also became the Jets' first 400-yard passer since Vinny Testaverde threw for 481 on Christmas Eve 2000, a span of 327 games. And he even left for a few plays to be checked for a neck injury.

All that from a backup who was a fifth-round pick of Dallas in 2018 out of Western Kentucky and hadn't thrown an NFL pass until last week. And with Wilson still out for at least next Thursday night's game at Indianapolis, White will get a chance for an encore.

"Mike is fantastic," coach Robert Saleh said. "He's poised. He showed it all throughout camp, all throughout OTAs, that he deserves to be one of those guys, and obviously he showed it today."

With the Bengals (5-3) leading 31-20 in the fourth quarter, the Jets got an acrobatic touchdown by Johnson, who took a short pass from White and tip-toed down the left sideline and reached over the goal line for a 19-yard score. It was initially ruled Johnson stepped out at the 2, but video review overturned the call and confirmed the touchdown.

White's 2-point conversion pass to Keelan Cole was incomplete, and New York trailed 31-26 with 4:36 left.

Shaq Lawson then came up

with the Jets' first interception of the season, deflecting Joe Burrow's pass and snagging it to give New York the ball at the Bengals 14.

Two plays later, White found a wide-open Tyler Kroft in the back of the end zone to give New York a one-point lead.

The Jets went for the 2-point conversion and turned to some trickery with the Jets' twist on the Eagles' "Philly Special." Jamison Crowder tossed it to a wide-open White in the end zone to make it 34-31 with 3:45 left.

It all had the fans at a half-filled MetLife Stadium loudly chanting: "Mike! White!"

"He deserved that!" running back Michael Carter said. "You saw what he did out there today."

The Jets forced the Bengals to punt on fourth-and-19 from the 40. Cincinnati never got the ball back.

"Got outcoached, got outplayed today," Cincinnati coach Zac Taylor said. "They're a hungry team. We knew they were capable of this."

Injury report

Bengals: Rookie RG Jackson Carman was carted off in the fourth quarter with a back injury.

Jets: LT George Fant was carted off with an ankle injury late in the second quarter and didn't return. He was replaced by Chuma Edoga.

PATRIOTS ANALYSIS

With Chargers win, Patriots prove they can beat a quality opponent

By Ben Volin
Boston Globe

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Instant analysis from the Patriots' 27-24 win over the Chargers:

Don't count out Pats: NFL fans hoping for the Patriots' demise this season might be sorely disappointed. Though they are only 4-4 after Sunday's win, they made a big statement in beating the Chargers: They can beat a quality opponent, they can do it on the road, and they finally proved they can make winning plays in the fourth quarter.

It wasn't always pretty, and, in fact, the Patriots dominated the stat sheet yet let the Chargers hang around with sloppy football. But Mac Jones was clutch in the fourth quarter, the defense made several huge stops, and the Patriots did an excellent job of staying in bounds and milking 6:56 off the clock late in the fourth quarter.

The fact the Patriots beat a quality opponent while not playing close to their best is a great sign. This is definitely a team on the rise and won't be fun to face over the second half of the season.

Defense rising: After getting shredded by the Cowboys two weeks ago, the Patriots' defense put together a terrific performance for the second straight week. The Patriots dominated Justin Herbert all game, holding him to 18-of-35 passing for 223 yards with two interceptions, or half the number that Herbert had thrown all season entering the game (four). Former Charger Adrian Phillips snagged both of

them, returning the second one for 28 yards for the winning score (he can thank Jared Cook for not looking for the pass). It was the Patriots' first pick-six since Devin McCourty's in Week 2 last year against Seattle.

The Chargers finished with 369 yards, but gained a lot of garbage yards. They only held the ball for 24:36, and after scoring a touchdown on two of their first three drives, the Chargers were kept out of the end zone over their final eight drives. Phillips now has three interceptions this year and continues to be an unsung hero of the Patriots' defense.

The Patriots' defense would have played a near-perfect game, if not for a few untimely breakdowns. Of the Chargers' 369 yards, 144 of them came on three plays — a 75-yard rush by Justin Jackson, a 41-yard catch by Keenan Allen and a 28-yard rush by Austin Ekeler. Dont'a Hightower sure looked slow in whiffing on the Jackson run, but J.C. Jackson showed great hustle in chasing Justin Jackson down from behind.

But if the Patriots can just prevent those two or three breakdowns per game, their defense will be elite.

Chargers throw off Mac Jones: The Chargers did a great job of messing up Jones's timing. He entered the game ranked fourth in the NFL with a 70.4 completion percentage, but he finished at just 53 percent after completing 18 of 35 passes.

It appeared the Chargers were using a five-man defensive line

and blitzed Jones frequently, doing a good job of getting him off his spot and not letting him set his feet. Jones had an especially rough go in the second quarter, when he completed just 4 of 15 passes and nearly threw an interception on the goal line.

But Jones finally came alive in the fourth quarter. On the Patriots' seven-minute field goal drive, Jones had six consecutive passes for 38 yards to move the Patriots into field goal range. You've got to love seeing the rookie quarterback acting cool and calm in the fourth quarter, even after having a frustrating day.

Offensive game plan questionable: Did anyone mention to Josh McDaniels that the Chargers entered the game ranked 32nd in the NFL in run defense? I'm usually loathe to criticize play calling because of all of the variables that we don't know, but McDaniels went pass-happy near the goal line and it cost the Patriots.

It was a great decision by Bill Belichick to go for it on fourth down at the goal line. But it was a terrible decision by McDaniels to throw on both third and 1 and fourth and 1, both of which didn't have much of a chance. The fourth-and-1 play call — a corner fade to Jakobi Meyers — was especially awful.

On their next possession, the Patriots got to second and 5 at the Chargers' 6-yard line, and again went pass-pass, and again had to settle for a field goal.

The Patriots went 1 for 4 in the red zone, a week after going 6 for 6.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Buffalo	5	2	0	.714	229	109	3-1-0	2-1-0	4-2-0	1-0-0	2-0-0
New England	4	4	0	.500	206	164	1-4-0	3-0-0	4-1-0	0-3-0	2-1-0
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	.286	114	206	2-1-0	0-4-0	2-3-0	0-2-0	0-2-0
Miami	1	7	0	.125	138	233	0-3-0	1-4-0	1-5-0	0-2-0	1-2-0

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Tennessee	6	2	0	.750	227	195	3-1-0	3-1-0	5-1-0	1-1-0	3-0-0
Indianapolis	3	5	0	.375	200	183	1-3-0	2-2-0	2-3-0	1-2-0	1-2-0
Jacksonville	1	6	0	.143	123	203	1-3-0	0-3-0	1-4-0	0-2-0	0-2-0
Houston	1	7	0	.125	119	241	1-3-0	0-4-0	1-4-0	0-3-0	1-1-0

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	187	164	3-1-0	2-1-0	4-2-0	1-0-0	0-1-0
Cincinnati	5	3	0	.625	220	162	2-1-0	3-2-0	3-1-0	2-2-0	2-0-0
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	132	142	2-2-0	2-1-0	3-2-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
Cleveland	4	4	0	.500	183	180	3-2-0	1-2-0	2-3-0	2-1-0	0-1-0

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Las Vegas	5	2	0	.714	180	166	3-1-0	2-1-0	4-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0
L.A. Chargers	4	3	0	.571	172	177	2-2-0	2-1-0	3-2-0	1-1-0	2-0-0
Denver	4	4	0	.500	157	137	2-2-0	2-2-0	2-4-0	2-0-0	0-1-0
Kansas City	3	4	0	.429	188	203	1-2-0	2-2-0	1-4-0	2-0-0	0-1-0

ROUNDUP

Titans outlast Colts in OT

Randy Bullock made a 44-yard field goal with 4:03 left in overtime Sunday to cap a wild game, giving the Titans a 34-31 victory over the Colts in Indianapolis and control of the AFC South.

The teams combined for two touchdowns in the final 86 seconds of regulation to set up overtime and Colts quarterback Carson Wentz threw two interceptions in the final 7½ minutes after throwing only one all season.

The Titans (6-2) have won four straight overall to take a three-game lead in the division and also has the third season sweep of the Colts in franchise history.

The Colts (3-5) have lost three straight in the series.

Keith Byard turned the game by picking off Wentz with 5:48 left in overtime. Bullock closed it out four plays later.

Jets 34, Bengals 31: In his first start, Mike White threw for 405 yards and three TDs to lead the Jets to the comeback win. White, playing for injured Zach Wilson, was 37 of 45 — setting an NFL record for most completions in a first start. He joined Cam Newton (2011) as the only players since at least 1950 to throw for 400 or more yards in their first career start.

Steelers 15, Browns 10: Ben Roethlisberger threw a TD pass and rookie Najee Harris had an 8-yard TD run after halftime for the Steelers.

Eagles 44, Lions 6: Boston Scott and Jordan Howard each had two rushing TDs to help the Eagles rout the winless Lions.

Rams 38, Texans 22: Matthew Stafford threw for 305 yards and three TDs in

three quarters to lead the Rams to their fourth win in a row. The Texans lost their seventh straight.

49ers 33, Bears 22: Jimmy Garoppolo threw for 322 yards and ran for two TDs, and the 49ers snapped a four-game skid.

Panthers 19, Falcons 13: Zane Gonzalez kicked four FGs and RB Chuba Hubbard scored late, helping the Panthers end a four-game losing streak. Panthers QB Sam Darnold suffered a concussion late in the win.

Bills 26, Dolphins 11: Josh Allen threw TD passes on consecutive second-half drives as the Bills beat the Dolphins for a series-record seventh straight time.

Broncos 17, Washington 10: The Broncos blocked two FGs on their way to ending

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Dallas	5	1	0	.833	205	146	3-0-0	2-1-0	2-0-0	3-1-0	2-0-0
Philadelphia	3	5	0	.375	203	191	0-3-0	3-2-0	0-2-0	3-3-0	0-1-0
N.Y. Giants	2	5	0	.286	139	180	1-3-0	1-2-0	0-1-0	2-4-0	0-2-0
Washington	2	6	0	.250	156	227	1-3-0	1-3-0	0-4-0	2-2-0	1-0-0

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.750	260	183	4-0-0	2-2-0	2-0-0	4-2-0	1-1-0
New Orleans	5	2	0	.714	176	128	2-1-0	3-1-0	1-0-0	4-2-0	1-1-0
Carolina	4	4	0	.500	165	159	2-2-0	2-2-0	2-0-0	2-4-0	2-0-0
Atlanta	3	4	0	.429	148	195	1-3-0	2-1-0	2-0-0	1-4-0	0-2-0

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Green Bay	7	1	0	.875	192	167	3-0-0	4-1-0	2-0-0	5-1-0	2-0-0
Minnesota	3	3	0	.500	147	137	2-1-0	1-2-0	0-2-0	3-1-0	1-0-0
Chicago	3	5	0	.375	123	195	2-2-0	1-3-0	2-1-0	1-4-0	1-1-0
Detroit	0	8	0	.000	134	244	0-4-0	0-4-0	0-2-0	0-6-0	0-3-0

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
Arizona	7	1	0	.875	246	138	3-1-0	4-0-0	4-0-0	3-1-0	2-0-0
L.A. Rams	7	1	0	.875	245	168	3-1-0	4-0-0	2-0-0	5-1-0	1-1-0
San Francisco	3	4	0	.429	168	171	0-3-0	3-1-0	0-1-0	3-3-0	0-2-0
Seattle	3	5	0	.375	181	169	1-3-0	2-2-0	2-2-0	1-3-0	1-1-0



Titans CB Elijah Molden (24) and LB David Long celebrate Molden's interception return for a TD on Sunday. **AJ MAST/AP**

a four-game slide. Melvin Gordon III caught a TD pass and ran for the go-ahead score with 4:31 remaining.

Seahawks 31, Jaguars 7: Geno Smith ran for one score and threw a pair of TD passes to DK Metcalf to help the Seahawks win for the first time in four games.

Patriots 27, Chargers 24: Adrian Phillips intercepted two passes, returning one

for the go-ahead TD against his former team, Nick Folk kicked four FGs, and the Pats rallied for the road win.

Saints 36, Buccaneers 27: P.J. Williams intercepted Tom Brady and returned it 40 yards for a TD with 1:24 left to lift the Saints. Brady had four TD passes but also three turnovers. Saints QB Jameis Winston injured his left knee in the second quarter and didn't return.

SUMMARIES

SAN FRANCISCO 33, CHICAGO 22
San Francisco 3 6 6 18 — 33
Chicago 3 10 3 6 — 22
First Quarter
Cf: FG Santos 39, 4:38.
Sf: FG Slye 48, 2:51.
Second Quarter
Ch: J.James 8pass from Fields (Santos kick), 12:03.
Sf: FG Slye 52, 9:33.
Ch: FG Santos 40, 1:16.
Sf: FG Slye 22, :00.
Third Quarter
Ch: FG Santos 25, 8:33.
Sf: Garoppolo 2run (kick failed), 5:56.
Fourth Quarter
Sf: Mitchell 5run (Aiyuk pass from Garoppolo), 14:11.
Ch: Fields 22run (kick failed), 9:32.
Sf: Garoppolo 5run (Slye kick), 6:34.
Sf: FG Slye 32, 1:56.

TEAM STATS	SF	CHI
First downs	21	22
Total net yards	467	324
Rushes-yards	26-145	36-176
Passing	322	148
Punt returns	2-28	0-0
Kickoff returns	1-29	6-156
Interceptions ret.	1-33	0-0
Comp-att-int	17-28-0	19-27-1
Sacked-yards lost	0-0	4-27
Punts	0-0-0	4-4-25
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-yards	7-55	4-30
Time of possession	22:49	37:11

RUSHING: San Francisco, Mitchell 18-137, Hasty 3-4, Garoppolo 5-4, Chicago, Fields 10-103, Herbert 23-72, Nail 1-4, Williams 2-(minus 3).
PASSING: San Francisco, Garoppolo 17-28-0-322, Chicago, Fields 19-27-1-175.
RECEIVING: San Francisco, Samuel 6-71, Aiyuk 4-45, Sanu 3-59, Hasty 2-29, Juszczyk 1-11, Woerner 1-7, Chicago, Mooney 6-64, James 3-38, Kmet 3-24, Robinson 3-21, Goodwin 2-32, Herbert 2-(minus 4).
MISSED FIELD GOALS: San Francisco, Slye 48.

PITTSBURGH 15, CLEVELAND 10
Pittsburgh 0 3 6 6 — 15
Cleveland 3 0 7 0 — 10
First Quarter
Cle: FG McLaughlin 30, 8:09.
Second Quarter
Pit: FG Boswell 31, 9:18.
Third Quarter
Cle: D.Johnson 10run (McLaughlin kick), 9:36.
Pit: Na.Harris 8run (pass failed), 3:39.
Fourth Quarter
Pit: Freimuth 2pass from Roethlisberger (pass failed), 11:04.
A: 67, 431.

TEAM STATS	PIT	CLE
First downs	21	19
Total net yards	370	306
Rushes-yards	32-115	23-96
Passing	255	210
Punt returns	2-29	2-1
Kickoff returns	2-44	1-10
Interceptions ret.	0-0	0-0
Comp-att-int	22-35-0	20-31-0
Sacked-yards lost	2-11	4-15
Punts	4-44-0	4-49-25
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-yards	8-65	5-30
Time of possession	31:45	28:15

RUSHING: Pittsburgh, Harris 26-91, Claypool 2-16, McCloud 1-10, McFarland 1-1, Roethlisberger 1-0, Ballage 1-(minus 3), Cleveland, Chubb 16-61, D.Johnson 4-22, Landry 1-5, Mayfield 1-5, Felton 1-3.
PASSING: Pittsburgh, Roethlisberger 22-34-0-266, Boswell 0-1-0-0, Cleveland, Mayfield 20-31-0-225.
RECEIVING: Pittsburgh, D.Johnson 6-98, Claypool 4-45, Freimuth 4-44, Gentry 3-39, Harris 3-29, Snell 1-7, Washington 1-4, Cleveland, Landry 5-65, Hooper 4-26, Njoku 3-39, Bryant 2-33, Higgins 2-27, Felton 1-14, Chubb 1-8, D.Johnson 1-7, Beckham 1-5.
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: Pit, Schobert 6-3-0, T.Watt 4-2-1-5, Wormley 2-2-1, Loudermilk 2-0-1, Cle, Smith 9-1-0, Wilson 5-2-0, Garrett 4-0-1, Hill 3-3-0, Newsome 3-0-0, McDowell 1-1-1.
MISSED FIELD GOALS: None.

BUFFALO 26, MIAMI 11
Miami 0 3 0 8 — 11
Buffalo 3 0 7 16 — 26
First Quarter
Buf: FG Bass 57, 3:48.
Second Quarter
Mia: FG J.Sanders 51, 8:10.
Third Quarter
Buf: G.Davis 8pass from Allen (Bass kick), 3:49.
Fourth Quarter
Buf: Diggs 19pass from Allen (Bass kick), 13:23.
Mia: Tagovailoa 1run (Gesicki pass from Tagovailoa), 9:39.
Buf: FG Bass 39, 3:29.
Buf: Allen 7run (pass failed), 1:07.
A: 69,355.

TEAM STATS	MIA	BUF
First downs	16	24
Total net yards	262	351
Rushes-yards	23-68	23-102
Passing	194	249
Punt returns	3-12	2-25
Kickoff returns	2-25	2-37
Interceptions ret.	0-0	1-26
Comp-att-int	21-39-1	29-43-0
Sacked-yards lost	2-11	0-0
Punts	5-51.8	4-40.75
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-yards	9-58	9-80
Time of possession	29:13	30:47

RUSHING: Miami, Gaskin 12-36, Ahmed 7-22, Tagovailoa 4-10, Buffalo, Allen 8-55, Singletary 7-28, Moss 8-19.
PASSING: Miami, Tagovailoa 21-39-1-205, Buffalo, Allen 29-42-0-249, Beasley 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING: Mia, Parker 8-85, Waddle 4-29, Gesicki 3-48, Gaskin 3-19, Laird 1-10, Shaheen 1-8, Ahmed 1-6, Buf, Beasley 10-110, Moss 6-39, Diggs 5-40, Davis 4-29, Sweeney 3-30, Singletary 1-1.
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: Mia, Needham 6-2-0, Buffalo, Poyer 9-0-0, Addison 2-1-1, Hughes 1-0-1.
INTERCEPTIONS: Buffalo, Poyer 1-26.
MISSED FIELD GOAL: Mia, J.Sanders 36.

TENNESSEE 34, INDIANAPOLIS 31, OT
Tennessee 0 14 7 10 3 — 34
Indianapolis 14 3 7 7 0 — 31

First Quarter
Ind: Pittman 2pass from Wentz (Badgley kick), 8:41.
Ind: Pittman 7pass from Wentz (Badgley kick), 7:44.
Second Quarter
Ten: Swaim 6pass from Tannehill (Bullcock kick), 12:07.
Ten: A.Brown 5pass from Tannehill (Bullock kick), 4:13.
Ind: FG Badgley 34, :00.
Third Quarter
Ten: Westbrook-Ikhine 5pass from Tannehill (Bullock kick), 7:42.
Ind: Doyle 5pass from Wentz (Badgley kick), 1:21.
Fourth Quarter
Ten: FG Bullock 46, 11:15.
Ten: Molden 2interception return (Bullock kick), 1:26.
Ind: Taylor 1run (Badgley kick), :22.
Ten: FG Bullock 44, 4:03.

TEAM STATS	TEN	IND
First downs	18	24
Total net yards	330	307
Rushes-yards	31-93	20-83
Passing	237	224
Punt returns	2-21	2-27
Kickoff returns	0-0	3-76
Interceptions ret.	0-0	2-40
Comp-att-int	22-33-2	27-51-2
Sacked-yards lost	3-18	1-7
Punts	4-47.0	4-45.5
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Penalties-yards	11-161	9-75
Time of possession	34:59	30:58

RUSHING: Tennessee, Henry 28-68, Tannehill 2-26, Woodside 1-(minus 1), Indianapolis, Taylor 16-70, Wentz 3-11, Hines 1-2.
PASSING: Tennessee, Tannehill 22-32-2-255, A.Brown 0-1-0-0, Indianapolis, Wentz 27-51-2-231.
RECEIVING: Tennessee, A.Brown 10-155, Swaim 4-23, McNichols 3-33, Pruitt 2-22, Westbrook-Ikhine 2-16, Firkser 1-8, Johnson 1-8, Indianapolis, Pittman 10-86, Pascal 5-43, Hines 4-22, Taylor 3-52, Hilton 2-16, Doyle 2-12, Granson 1-0.

NEW ORLEANS 36, TAMPA BAY 27
Tampa Bay 7 0 14 6 — 27
New Orleans 7 9 7 13 — 36
First Quarter
TB: Godwin 12pass from Brady (Succop kick), 8:28.
NO: T.Smith 16pass from J.Winston (B.Johnson kick), 2:39.
Second Quarter
NO: FG B.Johnson 23, 2:20.
NO: Armah 1pass from Siemian (kick failed), :27.
Third Quarter
NO: Kamara 1run (B.Johnson kick), 9:01.
TB: Bernard 7pass from Brady (Succop kick), 5:33.
TB: Evans 41pass from Brady (Succop kick), 1:15.
Fourth Quarter
NO: FG B.Johnson 35, 8:31.
TB: Grayson 50pass from Brady (run failed), 5:44.
NO: FG B.Johnson 23, 1:41.
NO: P.Williams 40interception return (B.Johnson kick), 1:24.
A: 69,170.

TEAM STATS
First downs 16 26
Total net yards 421 361
Rushes-yards 14-71 32-152
Passing 350 209
Punt returns 3-14 1-12
Kickoff returns 1-17 2-69
Interceptions ret. 0-0 2-66
Comp-att-int 28-41-2 22-39-0
Sacked-yards lost 3-25 1-6
Punts 3-42.0 3-52.667
Fumbles-lost 1-1 1-0
Penalties-yards 11-99 2-10
Time of possession 26:44 33:16
RUSHING: TB, Bernard 2-30, Fournette 8-26, Jones 3-13, Brady 1-2, NO, Kamara 1-0, H.Winston 4-40, Ingram 6-27, Harris 1-22, Siemian 2-2.
PASSING: TB, Brady 28-40-2-375, Fournette 0-1-0-0, NO, Siemian 16-29-0-159, J.Winston 6-10-0-56.
RECEIVING: TB, Godwin 8-140, Johnson 5-65, Fournette 3-17, Darden 3-11, Evans 2-40, Howard 2-16, Brate 2-15, Grayson 1-50, Bernard 1-7, Jones 1-6, NO, Harris 3-35, Smith 3-33, Callaway 3-30, Griffin 3-30, Kamara 3-15, Ingram 2-25, Trautman 2-4, White 1-38, Montgomery 1-4, Armah 1-1.

CAROLINA 19, ATLANTA 13
Carolina 3 6 3 7 — 19
Atlanta 3 7 0 3 — 13
First Quarter
Atl: FG Koo 46, 13:30.
Car: FG Gonzalez 29, 6:13.
Second Quarter
Atl: Patterson 15pass from Ryan (Koo kick), 13:58.
Car: FG Gonzalez 51, 9:13.
Car: FG Gonzalez 57, :00.
Third Quarter
Car: FG Gonzalez 23, 3:33.
Fourth Quarter
Car: Hubbard 6run (Gonzalez kick), 6:30.
Atl: FG Koo 53, :16.
A: 68,583.




TEAM STATS	CAR	ATL
First downs	21	17
Total net yards	232	213
Rushes-yards	47-203	20-82
Passing	129	131
Punt returns	0-0	2-21
Kickoff returns	0-0	1-25
Interceptions ret.	2-10	0-0
Comp-att-int	13-25-0	20-27-2
Sacked-yards lost	0-0	3-15
Punts	4-43.75	4-47.5
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-yards	8-76	3-15
Time of possession	35:23	24:37

RUSHING: Carolina, Hubbard 2-38, Darnold 8-66, Abdullah 8-31, Freeman 6-25, Walker 1-(minus 1), Atlanta, Davis 9-44, Patterson 9-58, Ryan 2-3.
PASSING: Carolina, Darnold 13-24-0-129, Walker 0-1-0-0, Atlanta, Ryan 20-27-2-146.
RECEIVING: Carolina, Moore 4-59, Abdullah 3-35, Tremble 3-18, Thomas 1-10, Hubbard 1-9, S.Smith 1-(2-).
Atlanta, Sharpe 5-58, Patterson 5-37, Davis 5-22, Pitts 2-13, Hurst 2-4, Zachaeus 1-12.
TACKLES-ASSISTS-SACKS: Car, S.Thompson 8-2-0, Reddick 3-1-1, Gross-Matos 2-1-1, Atl, Oluokun 10-6-0.
INTERCEPTIONS: Carolina, S.Thompson 1-0, Gilmore 1-0.
MISSED FIELD GOALS: Atlanta, Koo 45.

N.Y. JETS 34, CINCINNATI 31
Cincinnati 0 17 7 17 — 31
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WEATHER

MONDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and breezy. West wind at 10 to 15 mph.

HIGH **58°**

LOW **37°**

TUESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and some sunshine, seasonable.

HIGH **55°**

LOW **34°**

WEDNESDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mostly sunny and cool. Frost is possible for interior areas overnight.

HIGH **52°**

LOW **31°**

THURSDAY






SUNRISE NOON SUNSET

Mixed clouds and sunshine. Frost is possible for interior areas overnight.

HIGH **50°**

LOW **32°**

FRIDAY



SUNRISE NOON SUNSET





Mixed clouds and sunshine. Frost is possible for interior areas overnight.

HIGH **49°**

LOW **33°**

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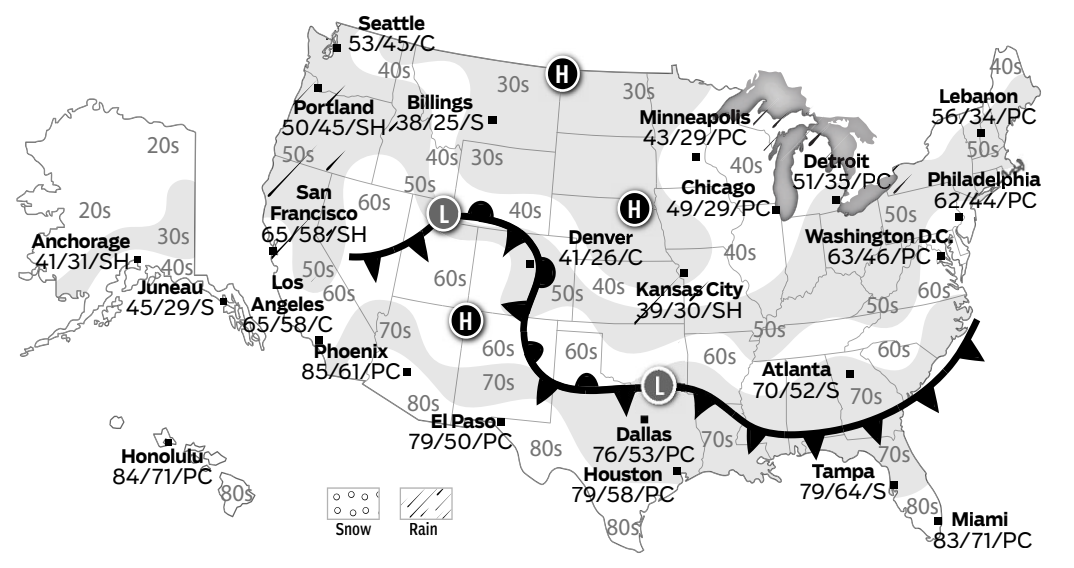
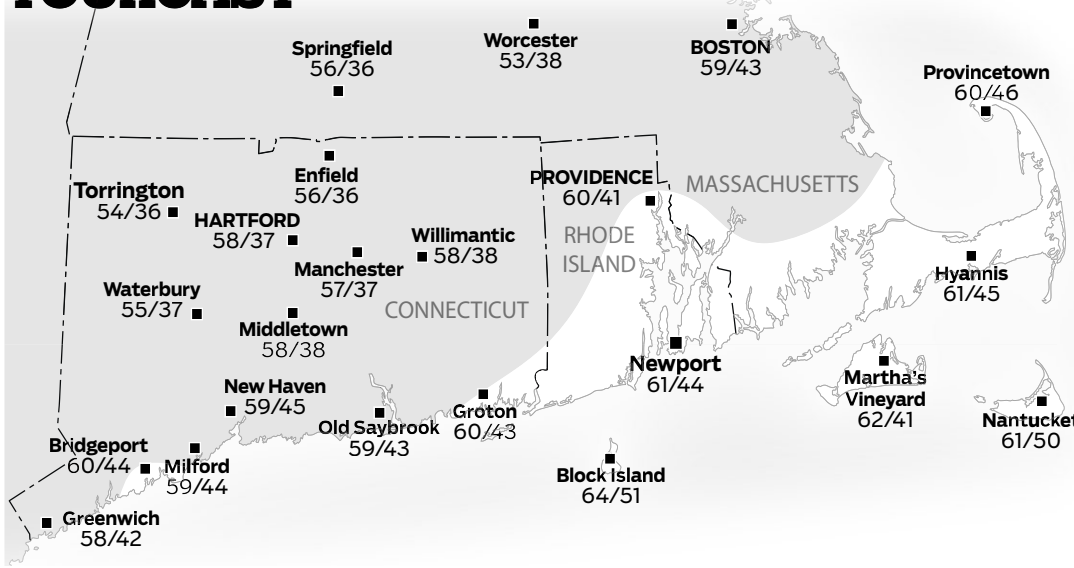
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YOURCAST

Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.



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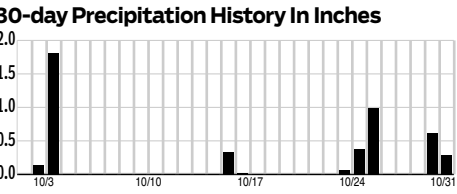
High pressure will bring mostly sunny skies and seasonable temperatures on Monday with high temperatures in the 50s and lower 60s. It will be a breezy day with west winds at 10 to 15 mph. It will start off mostly clear this evening, then it will become partly cloudy and chilly overnight with low temperatures ranging from the mid-30s to the mid-40s. A mixture of clouds and some sunshine on Tuesday with high temperatures in the low to mid-50s. There will be a cold front crossing New England that could trigger a couple stray afternoon showers or sprinkles.

-Gary Lessor

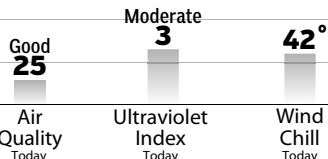
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Precipitation In Inches	Total Normal
Yesterday (by 7 p.m.)	0.40 0.12
Month to date	4.67 4.52
Total this year	50.04 39.46

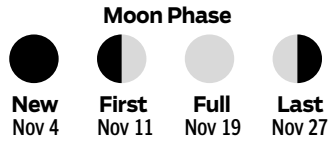
Precipitation, temperature at Windsor Locks



Air Quality Forecast For Today



	Today	Tomorrow
Sunrise	7:23 a.m.	7:24 a.m.
Sunset	5:46 p.m.	5:45 p.m.
Moonrise	3:12 a.m.	4:24 a.m.
Moonset	4:24 p.m.	4:49 p.m.



Tides	High	Low	Temp.
N.L. State Pier	7:13 a.m.	1:05 a.m.	60°
Saybrook Jetty	8:24 a.m.	1:58 a.m.	60°
Connecticut River at Portland	11:07 a.m.	5:44 a.m.	
Madison	11:22 p.m.	6:08 p.m.	
New Haven	8:52 a.m.	2:38 a.m.	62°
Stamford	8:56 a.m.	2:52 a.m.	63°

River Stage at Hartford: 7.07 feet at 6:30 p.m.

Boating	L.I. Sound W	L.I. Sound E	B. I. Sound
Weather	MSunny	MSunny	MSunny
Wind	W, 10-15	W, 10-20	W, 10-15
Seas	2-3 ft.	2-4 ft.	2-4 ft.

Temperature	High	Low
Sunday	68 at 2:26 p.m.	54 at 6:23 a.m.
Normal for date	58	38
Record for date	82 in 1946	21 in 2020
A year ago	44	21
Range this year	99	1

Heating Degree Days

Season	Normal	Last Season
For July 1 - Oct 31	278	435

30-day Temperature History

Date	High	Low
10/3	70	40
10/10	65	35
10/17	70	40
10/24	75	45
10/31	70	40

Atmosphere

High	Low	
Barometer	29.62 at 7 p.m.	29.41 at 5 a.m.
Dew point	56° at 12 a.m.	49° at 2 p.m.

AROUND THE WORLD

Today's forecast in cities not included in the maps above:

NEW ENGLAND	Baltimore 61 41 PC	Nashville 61 39 PC	San Juan 87 77 PC	Budapest 58 45 PC
Bangor 56 31 PC	Bismarck 38 15 PC	New Orleans 75 56 S	Tucson 84 53 S	Stockholm 52 45 PC
Burlington 54 38 PC	Boise 57 45 PC	New York 61 45 S		Sydney 77 61 PC
Caribou 53 30 PC	Buffalo 51 36 PC	Okl. City 58 41 C		Tel Aviv 84 63 PC
Concord 57 32 PC	Charleston 74 51 S	Omaha 44 26 C		Tokyo 66 57 C
Montpelier 51 32 PC	Cincinnati 52 34 PC	Orlando 80 61 PC		Toronto 50 34 PC
Mt. Wash. 26 15 PC	Cleveland 49 34 PC	Pittsburgh 53 33 PC		Vancouver 54 45 PC
Portland 60 37 S	Indianapolis 50 34 PC	Raleigh 69 48 S		Warsaw 59 41 S
Woods Hole 60 40 S	Jacksonville 75 55 PC	St. Louis 46 36 C		
	Las Vegas 78 58 PC	Salt Lake City 63 47 PC		
	Miami Beach 80 74 PC	San Antonio 79 62 PC		
	Milwaukee 47 29 PC	San Diego 69 59 PC		
NATION				
Albany 56 36 PC				
Albuquerque 68 43 PC				
Atlantic City 63 36 S				

Kingston 90 77 PC	Stockholm 52 45 PC
Lisbon 70 55 R	Sydney 77 61 PC
London 55 41 S	Tel Aviv 84 63 PC
Madrid 64 46 R	Tokyo 66 57 C
Mexico City 74 53 PC	Toronto 50 34 PC
Milan 54 43 R	Vancouver 54 45 PC
Montreal 50 43 SH	Warsaw 59 41 S
Moscow 52 30 S	
Nassau 82 70 PC	
New Delhi 84 63 S	
Paris 55 45 T	
Prague 52 45 R	
Rio de Janeiro 77 68 R	
Rome 64 54 R	
Seoul 61 45 S	
Singapore 93 75 T	

LOCAL SCOREBOARD

SUNDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS

BOYS SOCCER

NCCC
ELLINGTON 1, SOMERS 1
Conference Tournaments
Shoreline—Quarterfinal
MORGAN 3, EAST HAMPTON 2
Goals: M—Matt Lopez, Kolby Clifton, Joe Morse; EH—Paul Pignatella, Ethan Marshal. Saves: M—Bailey Goss, 11; EH—Drew DiStefano, 10. Rec.: M—12-2-3; EH—7-6-2.

GIRLS SOCCER

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PARISH HILL 2, CLASSICAL 0
MONDAY'S HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE
ALL GAMES AT 3:45 P.M. UNLESS NOTED

FOOTBALL

NVL **Copper:** Oxford at Derby, time TBA
NVL **Inter:** Crosby at St. Paul, 6 p.m.

BOYS SOCCER

CCC-East: RHAM at Enfield, 6 p.m.
CCC-West: Conard at Hall, 6 p.m.
CCC-Inter: Bloomfield at Berlin
NCCC: East Granby at Suffield, 3 p.m.; Canton at East Windsor; HMTCA at Rockville, 4 p.m.; Windsor Locks at Stafford, 6 p.m.
CRAL: University/Prince Tech at MLC, 3:15 p.m.; Weaver at Civic Leadership, 3:15 p.m.; Classical at Innovation, 3:15 p.m.

GIRLS SOCCER

CCC-North: New Britain at Hartford Public
CCC-South: Platt at Middletown
CCC-West: Hall at Conard, 6 p.m.
NCCC: Suffield at East Granby, 3 p.m.; HMTCA at Bolton, 4 p.m.; Windsor Locks at Coventry, 6 p.m.
CRAL: Civic Leadership/Aerospace at Classical, 3:30 p.m.
Others: Rockville at Windsor, 6 p.m.

FIELD HOCKEY

CCC-South: Southington at Avon; Newington at Wethersfield; South Windsor at Glastonbury
Conference Tournaments
SCC—Semifinals: Sacred Heart Academy at Cheshire, 4 p.m.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

CCC-North: Bloomfield at Hartford Public, 4:30 p.m.
Shoreline: Valley Regional at Coginchaug, 4 p.m.
Others: Canton at Northwestern, 5:15 p.m.; Classical at Amistad, 5:15 p.m.; Tolland at Coventry, 5:30 p.m.
Conference Tournaments
CCC—First Round: New Britain at RHAM, 5 p.m.; Platt at Conard, 5 p.m.; Farmington at E.O. Smith, 5 p.m.; East Catholic at Maloney, 5 p.m.; East Hartford at Southington, 5 p.m.; Bristol Central at Glastonbury, 5 p.m.; Plainville at Bristol Eastern, 5 p.m.; Simsbury at South Windsor, 5 p.m.
ECC—Quarterfinals
Division II: Wheeler at Bacon Academy, 5 p.m.; Windham at Montville, 5 p.m.

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

CIAC State Divisional Championships
Wickham Park, Manchester
Class LL, 1 p.m.
Class L, 11:25 a.m.
Class MM, 10:20 a.m.
Class M, 9:15 a.m.
Class SS, 3:10 p.m.
Class S, 2:05 p.m.

GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

CIAC State Divisional Championships
Wickham Park, Manchester

Class LL, 1:30 p.m.
Class L, 11:55 a.m.
Class MM, 10:50 a.m.
Class M, 9:45 a.m.
Class SS, 3:40 p.m.
Class S, 2:35 p.m.

SATURDAY'S LATE COLLEGE RESULTS

MEN'S SOCCER

XAVIER 2, UCONN 1
YALE 3, COLUMBIA 1

WOMEN'S SOCCER

GNAC Tournament—Quarterfinal
ST. JOSEPH 3, ALBERTUS MAGNUS 0
MEN'S HOCKEY
UCONN 4, DARTMOUTH 1
BROWN 2, YALE 0
WOMEN'S HOCKEY
SACRED HEART 4, POST 0

SUNDAY'S COLLEGE RESULTS

MEN'S SOCCER

ST. FRANCIS-BROOKLYN 2, CENTRAL 0
MERRIMACK 4, SACRED HEART 1

WOMEN'S SOCCER

CENTRAL 2, LIU 1
SACRED HEART 4, BRYANT 1
Big East Tournament—First Round
BUTLER 1, UCONN 0 (2OT)
MAAC Tournament—Quarterfinals
QUINNIPAC 1, MARIST 0
FAIRFIELD 1, NIAGARA 1 (FAIRFIELD WINS ON PKs, 5-4)

FIELD HOCKEY

UConn 2, Delaware 1
Quinnipiac 3, Sacred Heart 0
Fairfield 1, Vermont 0

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

UConn 3, Butler 0 (25-19, 32-30, 25-22)
Stony Brook 3, Hartford 0 (25-16, 25-18, 25-21)

MONDAY'S COLLEGE SCHEDULE

MEN'S SOCCER

NIIT at Hartford, 6 p.m.
Local college football schedules
UConn (1-8)
August 28: Fresno State 45, UConn 0
Sept. 4: Holy Cross 38, UConn 28
Sept. 11: Purdue 49, UConn 0
Sept. 18: Army 52, UConn 21
Sept. 25: Wyoming 24, UConn 22
Oct. 2: Vanderbilt 30, UConn 28
Oct. 9: UMass 27, UConn 13
Oct. 16: UConn 21, Yale 15
Oct. 22: Middle Tennessee 44, UConn 13
Nov. 13: at Clemson, time TBD
Nov. 20: at Central Florida, time TBD
Nov. 27: vs. Houston, noon
CENTRAL (2-6)
Sept. 3: Southern Conn. 28, Central 21
Sept. 11: Central 21, Wagner 19
Sept. 18: Southeastern Louisiana 56, Central 10
Sept. 25: Miami 69, Central 0
Oct. 9: Columbia 22, Central 20
Oct. 16: Sacred Heart 27, Central 17
Oct. 23: LIU 30, Central 13
Oct. 30: Central 49, Merrimack 21
Nov. 6: vs. Bryant, noon
Nov. 13: at Duquesne, noon
Nov. 20: vs. St. Francis (Pa.), noon
TRINITY (6-1)
Sept. 18: Trinity 42, Tufts 28
Sept. 25: Trinity 38, Bowdoin 14
Oct. 2: Trinity 28, Middlebury 0
Oct. 9: Trinity 34, Hamilton 7
Oct. 16: Trinity 45, Bates 7
Oct. 23: Trinity 35, Colby 12
Oct. 30: Williams 42, Trinity 3
Nov. 6: vs. Amherst, 1 p.m.
Nov. 13: at Wesleyan, noon
WESLEYAN (6-1)
Sept. 18: Wesleyan 21, Colby 5
Sept. 25: Wesleyan 30, Hamilton 14
Oct. 2: Wesleyan 27, Bates 24

Oct. 9: Wesleyan 38, Bowdoin 35
Oct. 16: Wesleyan 36, Tufts 35
Oct. 23: Wesleyan 24, Middlebury 0
Oct. 30: Amherst 16, Wesleyan 14(4OT)
Nov. 6: at Williams, noon
Nov. 13: vs. Trinity, noon
YALE (4-3)
Sept. 18: Holy Cross 20, Yale 17
Sept. 25: Yale 23, Cornell 17
Oct. 2: Yale 34, Lehigh 0
Oct. 9: Dartmouth 24, Yale 17
Oct. 16: UConn 21, Yale 15
Oct. 23: Yale 42, Penn 28
Oct. 30: Yale 37, Columbia 30
Nov. 6: at Brown, 12:30 p.m.
Nov. 13: at Princeton, 1 p.m.
Nov. 20: vs. Harvard, noon
SACRED HEART (5-3)
Sept. 4: Sacred Heart 21, Bucknell 0
Sept. 11: Bryant 17, Sacred Heart 6
Sept. 18: Sacred Heart 21, Morgan State 7
Sept. 25: Dartmouth 41, Sacred Heart 3
Oct. 2: Howard 22, Sacred Heart 17
Oct. 9: Sacred Heart 20, Merrimack 10
Oct. 16: Sacred Heart 27, Central 17
Oct. 23: Sacred Heart 31, Duquesne 13
Nov. 6: at St. Francis (Pa.), noon
Nov. 13: vs. Wagner, noon
Nov. 20: at LIU, 1 p.m.

USL Championship Standings	W	L	T	PTS
Atlantic	23	7	2	71
Tampa Bay	18	9	5	59
Charlotte	17	8	7	58
Pittsburgh	16	10	6	54
Miami FC	12	15	5	41
Hartford Athletic	10	15	7	37
Charleston	10	15	7	37
N.Y. Red Bulls II	7	18	7	28
Loudoun United	4	25	3	15
Central	W	L	T	PTS
Louisville City	18	7	7	61
Birmingham	18	8	6	60
Memphis	14	10	8	50
Tulsa	14	13	5	47
OKC Energy	8	11	13	37
Indy	9	15	8	35
Atlanta United II	8	14	10	34
Sporting K.C. II	4	20	8	20
Mountain	W	L	T	PTS
El Paso	18	4	10	64
San Antonio	14	8	10	52
Colorado Springs	13	9	10	49
Rio Grande	13	11	8	47
New Mexico	12	10	10	46
Austin	10	10	12	42
Real Monarchs	5	20	7	22
Pacific	W	L	T	PTS
Phoenix	20	5	7	67
Orange County	15	10	7	52
San Diego	14	12	6	48
Oakland	11	13	8	41
Tacoma	10	13	9	39
L.A. Galaxy II	11	15	6	39
Sacramento	8	12	12	36
Las Vegas	6	23	3	21

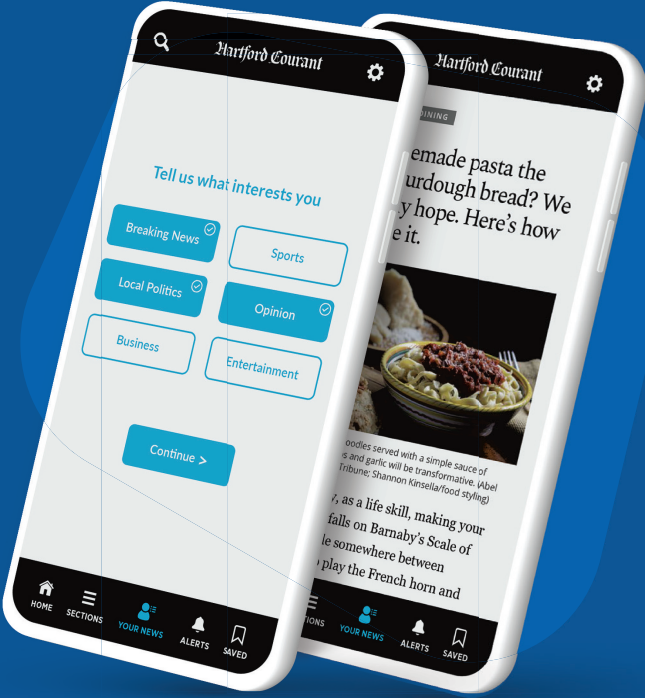
SATURDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Hartford Athletic 0, Pittsburgh 0
N.Y. Red Bulls II 4, Loudoun United 1
Miami FC 4, Charleston 0
Memphis 3, Indy 0
New Mexico 3, Real Monarchs 1
Louisville City 1, Birmingham 0
Austin 1, Charlotte 1
Tulsa 2, OKC Energy 0
Rio Grande 4, El Paso 1
San Antonio 3, Colorado Springs 0
Tampa Bay 2, Las Vegas 1
Oakland 1, Sporting K.C. II 0
Orange County 1, L.A. Galaxy II 0
Phoenix 1, Tacoma 1
Sacramento 1, San Diego 1

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